

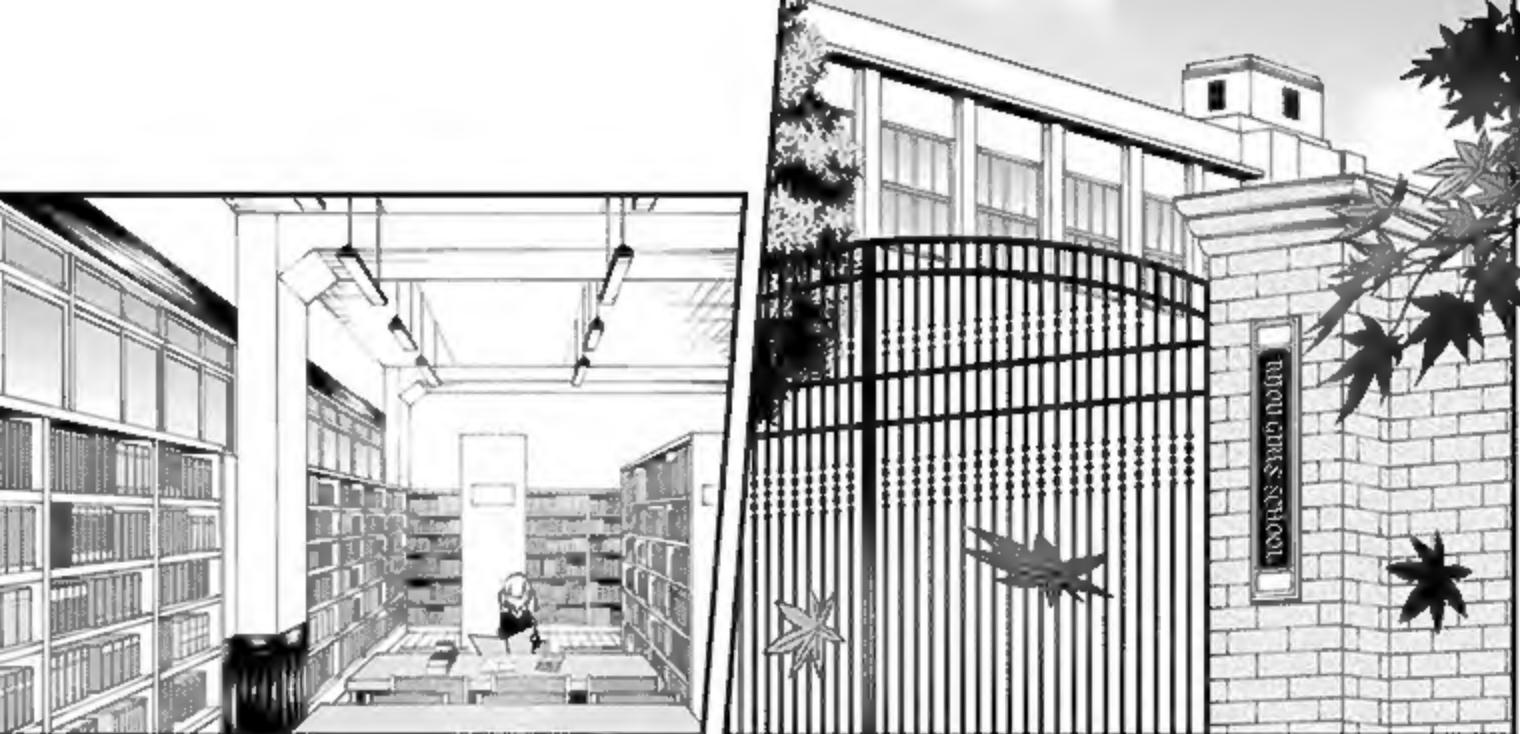


Love and Lies

BY MUSAWO TSUMUGI

Arisa Mimasaka.

Lilina's only friend from school makes a long-awaited appearance.



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UM...
UM...
ARISA
...
HAVE
YOU
DECIDED
...
ON A
CAREER
YET?















Love and Lies

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Each of the girls has their own love.

Though she knows it will one day come to an end,
she cannot help feeling the way she does.





"TO 'MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY' IN JAPANESE IS OFTEN CODEWORD FOR 'MARRIAGE,' SO THIS LINE IS AMBIGUOUS AS TO WHETHER SHE MEANS HAPPINESS OR MARRIAGE.





IF HE'S
HAPPIER
WITH
SOMEONE
ELSE...
THEN
IT'S
BETTER
THAT
WAY.



EVEN
IF IT'S
PAINFUL
FOR ME,
AS LONG
AS HE
SMILES
AT ME...



IT'S FAR
BETTER
THAN BEING
UNABLE TO
DO ANY-
THING...



WHEN
HE IS
SUFFER-
ING.

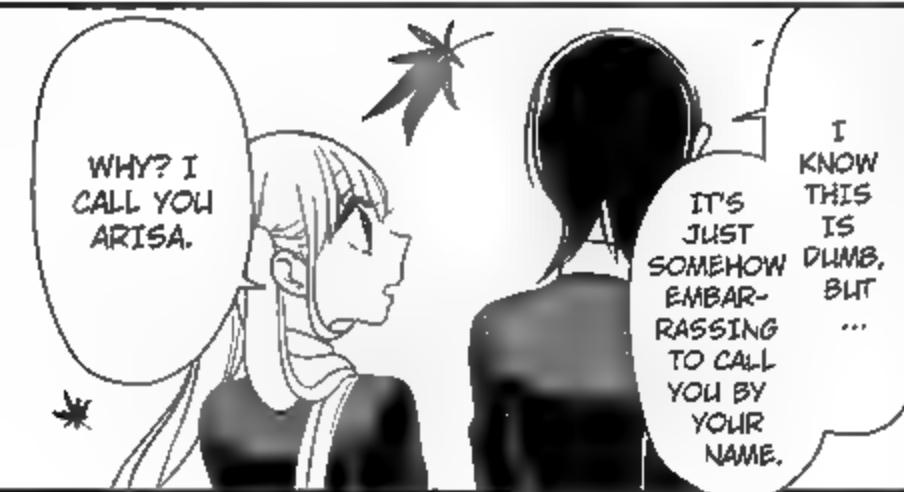


I THINK
THAT'S
WHAT IT
MEANS
TO LOVE
SOMEONE.



I GUESS,
HA HA.







Love and Lies



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Those who love and
those who watch over
love... Everyone in the
world has secrets...





GOOD
EVENING
...

YUKARI
NEJIMA.

THREE
THREE
THREE
THREE
THREE
THREE



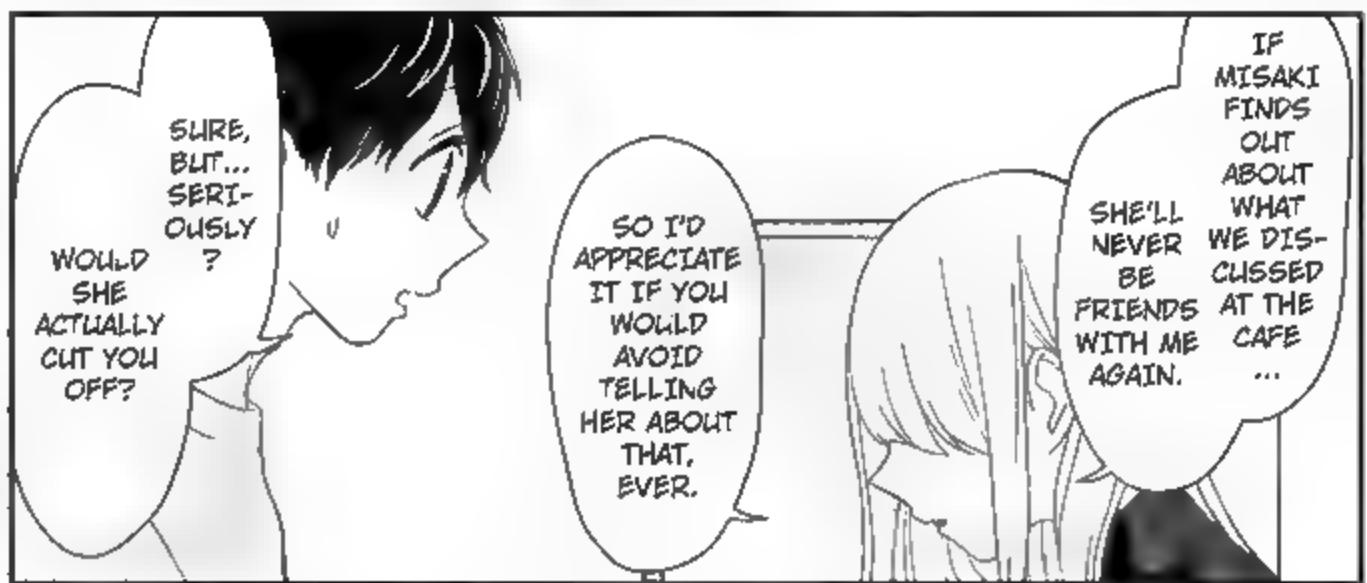








NEJI STILL DOESN'T KNOW THE
REAL MISAKI.



NEXT TIME: "I THOUGHT IT WAS A MIRAGE"



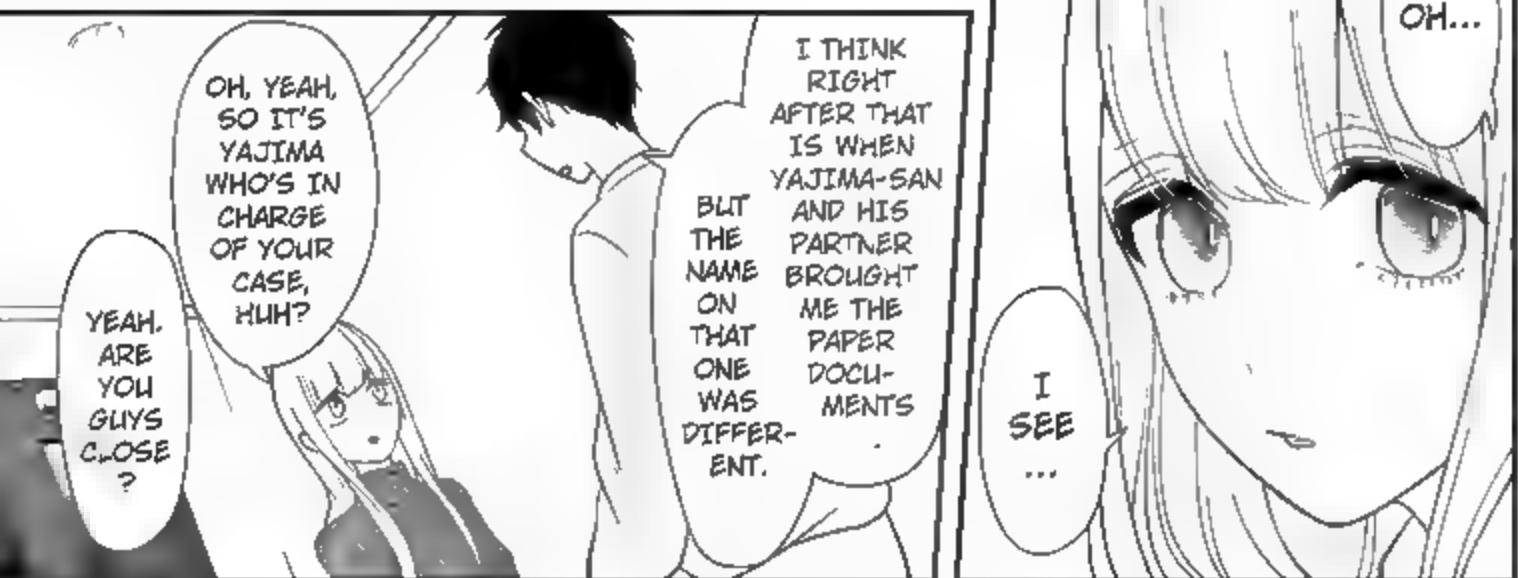


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Shuu Igarashi, the girl who questioned Neji's fateful love, goes to his house in order to understand what a certain message from Misaki meant...

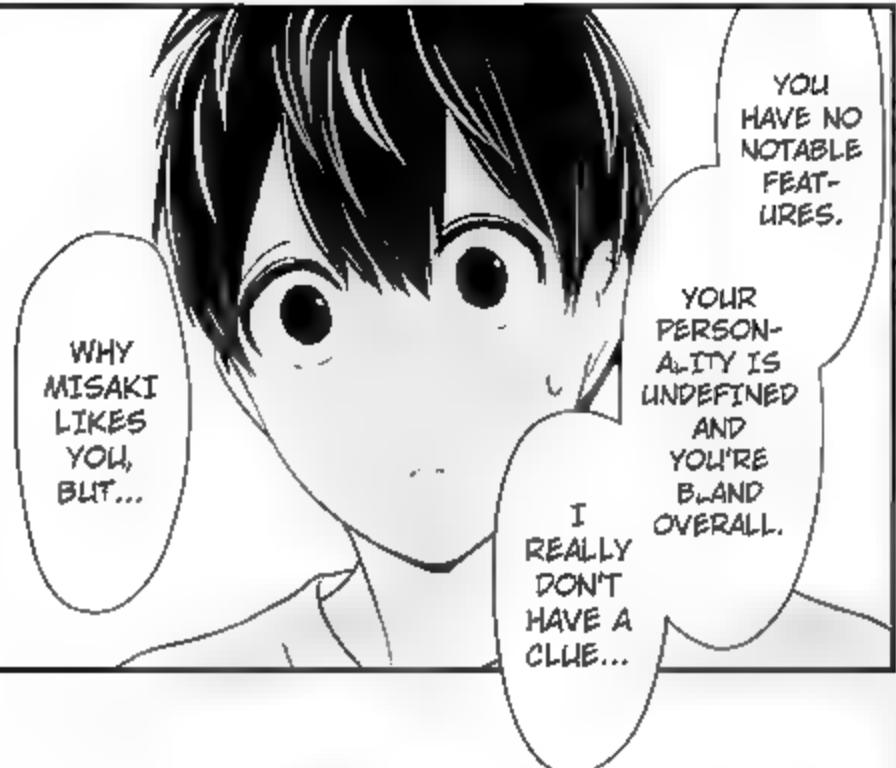






THERE'S NO POINT...
IN SAYING THAT TO ME.







*CHUUGEN: MID-YEAR (DURING O-BON) FORMAL GIFT GIVEN TO SOCIAL SUPERIORS. SIMPLE ITEMS ARE TYPICAL



don't think I was
mistaken in what I did.

No matter how you feel
about it, that's what I
believe



I HOPE
ONE
DAY I'LL
UNDER-
STAND...



OH,
JUST
SOME
STUFF.

HUH?
WHO WAS
AT THE
DOOR,
THEN?

NO.

HMM?
ANYWAY,
YUKARI,
YOU'RE NOT
BUSY THIS
WEEKEND,
ARE YOU?

GOTCHA!
I'LL CALL
YOU
AGAIN
LATER
THEN,
OKAY?

YEP, I'M
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO IT!
BYE-
BYE!

GRIN



THE TWO FAMILIES ARE GETTING ALONG JUST SWIMMING.



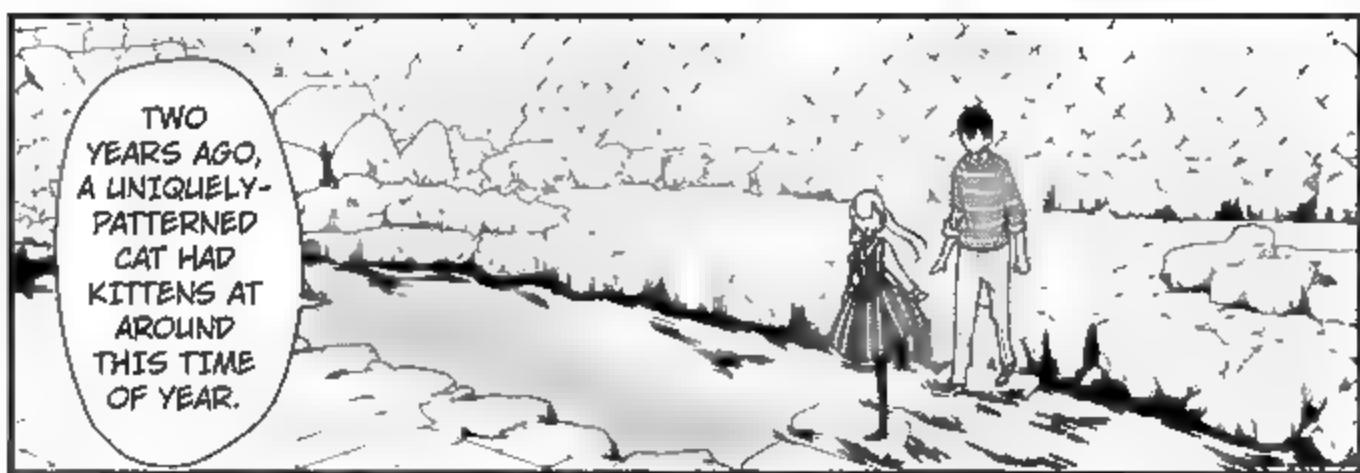
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A very sudden Sanada-Nejima joint
hot springs trip arc begins!









I'VE NEVER HAD A FEMALE FRIEND BEFORE...

THERE'S A GOOD SHOP OVER THAT WAY!

SO... HOT SPRINGS MAN-JI!

DO YOU WANT TO GO GET SOME?!

THOUGHT ABOUT ANY GIRL OTHER THAN TAKASAKI-SAN BEFORE.

IN FACT, I'VE BARELY EVEN...

WAIT HERE FOR ME.

I'M GOING TO THE BATH-ROOM.

SURE.

WHAT LILINA SANADA

SO I DON'T THINK I UNDERSTOOD

YOU SHOULD CUT THEM IN HALF AND CHILL THEM, FIRST...

AH! HOT! HOT HOT!

STRATEGY IS IMPORTANT!

WAS TO ME.



THIS GANTRY IS BEING TO DRAMA.

NEXT TIME: "REALIZATION"



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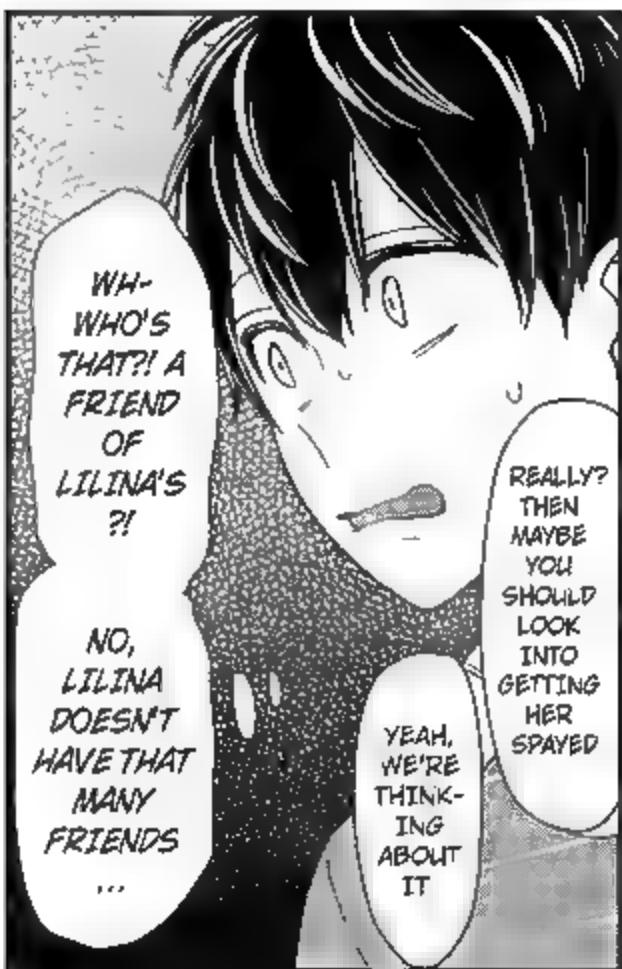
Neji had no idea what Lilina was to him...
not until this stranger showed up.

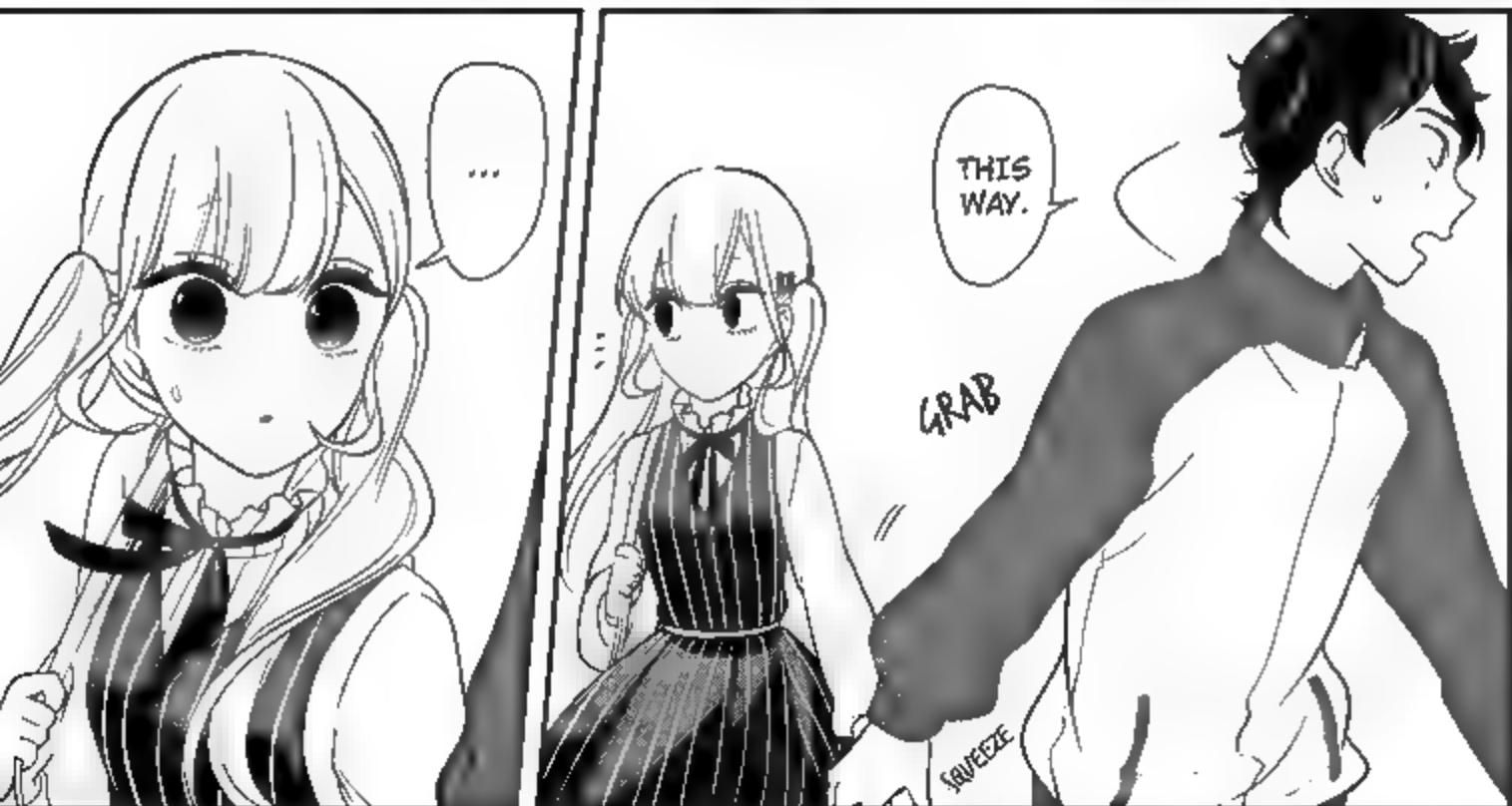


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YEAH.

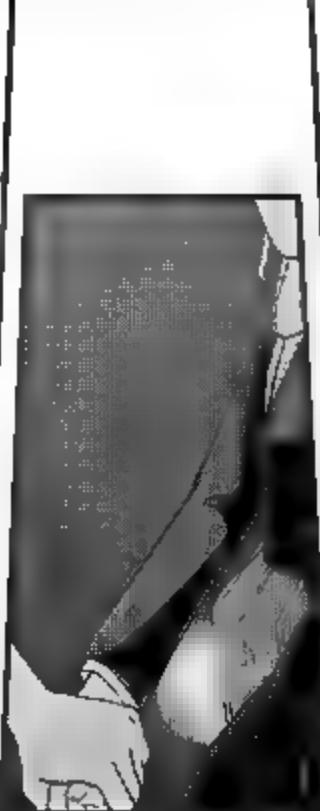


WITH
A FACE
THAT'S
LIKE...
HALF ONE
COLOR
AND HALF
ANOTHER
?









THEN
WOULD
LILINA
GET RE-
CALCULATED
AND THEN
MARRY
SOME
GUY LIKE
THAT
ONE?

IF
TAKASAKI-
SAN AND
I WERE
TO GET
MARRIED,

SO
SHE'S
PROBA-
BLY
NEVER
BEEN
VERY
CON-
SCIOUS
OF HOW
GUYS
SEE
HER IN
PARTI-
CULAR.
...
...

I
DON'T
LIKE
THAT
IDEA.

YEAH
?

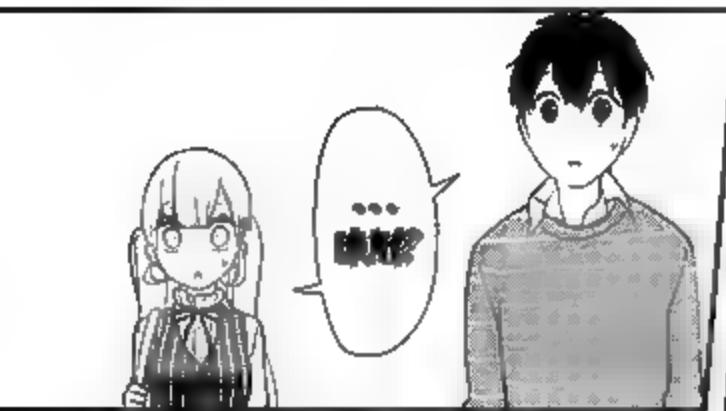
HEY,
YUKA-
RI!

STARE









SO THAT MEANS IT'S JUST LIKE THE SPECIAL COURSE...

NEXT TIME: "ROOM FOR TWO"



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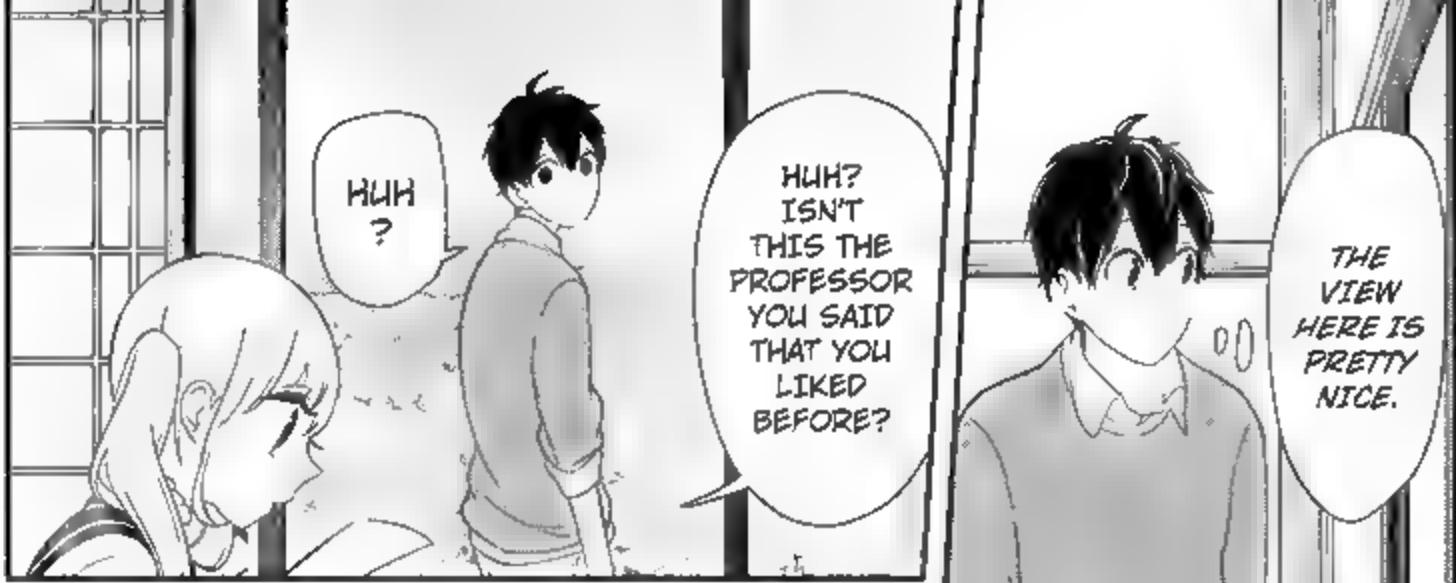
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The Nejima/Sanada
joint family hot springs trip arc!

They were tricked! Now they're
sharing a room for the first time since
the special course.













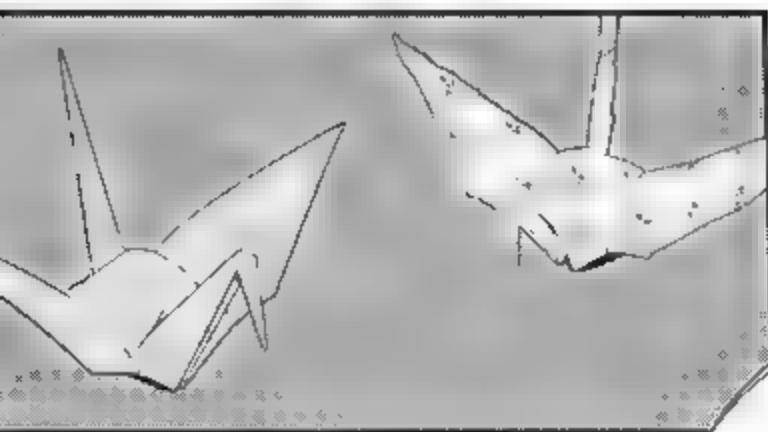
I LIKE
CURRY,
TOO.
THAT
CURRY
WE HAD
WHEN
WE WERE
CAMPING
WAS
GOOD.



cats, crab, curry camping, cat haniwa, "grass that grows in the cracks of the asphalt (I think it's nice because it's so energetic and trying so hard), picture books, pancakes, romeo and juliet, aquariums, cake, black tea



an earnest person



Alone
together on a
hot springs trip,
being in a new
situation forces
them to realize
their feelings.



Love and Lies

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SOME-
ONE I
WAS FATED
TO BE
WITH...OR
LIKE...A
GODDESS
OF FATE.

WHEN I
WAS A KID,
MAYBE
TAKASAKI-
SAN
LOOKED
LIKE...

SO...

I
JUST
MEAN
I'D
NEVER
EVEN
TALKED
TO HER.
SO
SHE
WAS
TO
ME,
LIKE
A
GOD-
DESS.
HA
HA
HA!

OH!
THIS IS
JUST A
WHAT-IF'
JUST
HYPOTHE-
TICALLY
SPEAK-
ING!

GOD-
DESS...
OF
FATE?

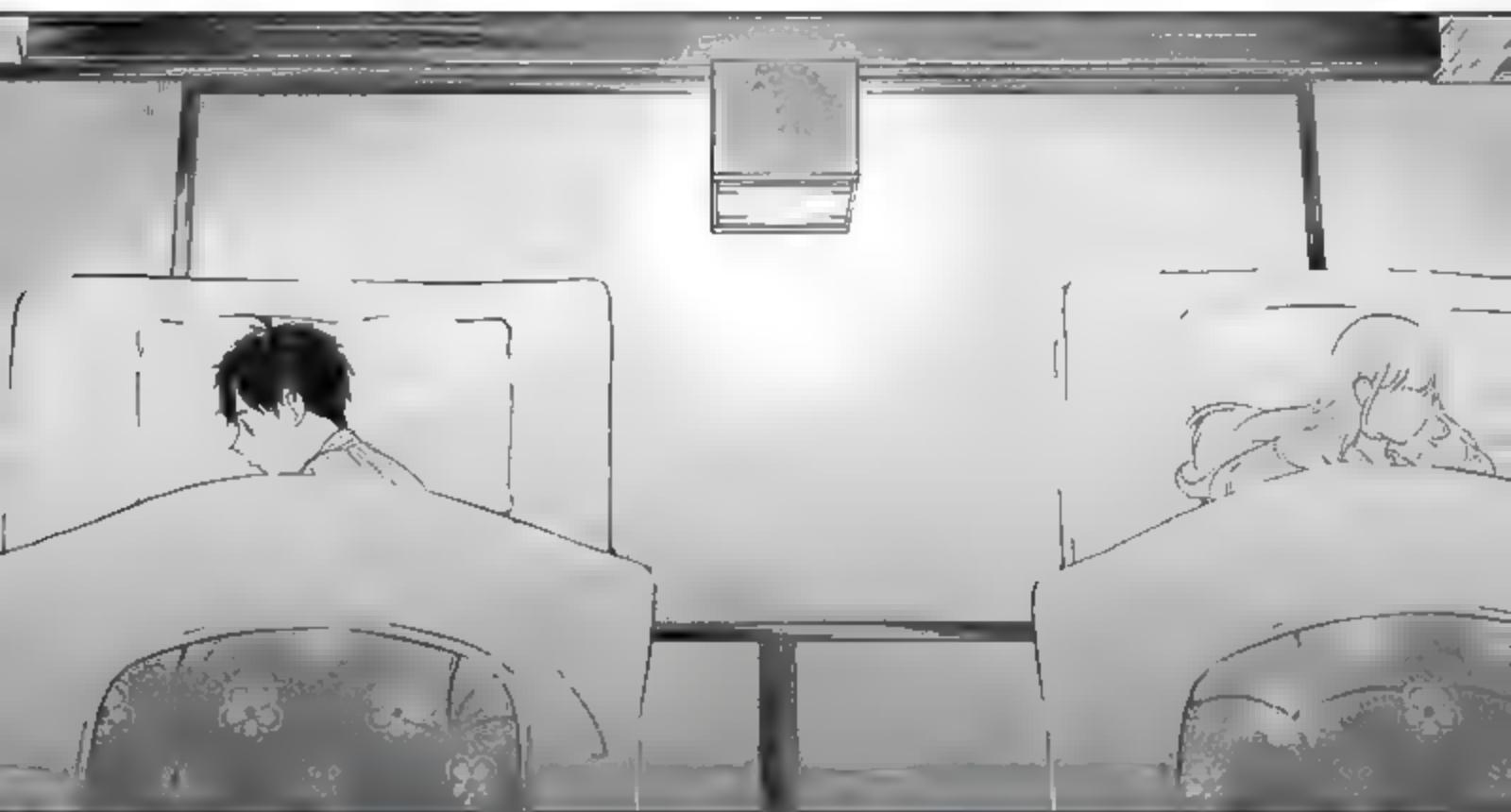
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ONCE MORE, THEY RE-AFFIRM
WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO THEM.

NEXT TIME: "TOGETHER IN THE BEDROOM"



Love and Lies

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Alone together in a room at the ryokan.
Something is bound to happen tonight.



CANT
SLEEP.

I
JUST
...





I DON'T GO TO HOT SPRINGS MUCH, BUT IT'S LIKE, NICE SOME-TIMES, YOU KNOW...
T-TODAY WAS A LOT OF FUN, HUH ?!





I
THINK
...

YOU
SHOULD
CHOOSE
MISAKI.

NEXT TIME: "IT ALL CHANGED"

HER PRONOUNCEMENT OF
SEPARATION COMES SO SUDDENLY.

Lilina's
shocking
suggestion!



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FROM
SNOOTY
SANADA

...

TO
LILINA
SANADA.

YOU AND
MISAKI
CHANGED
ME...

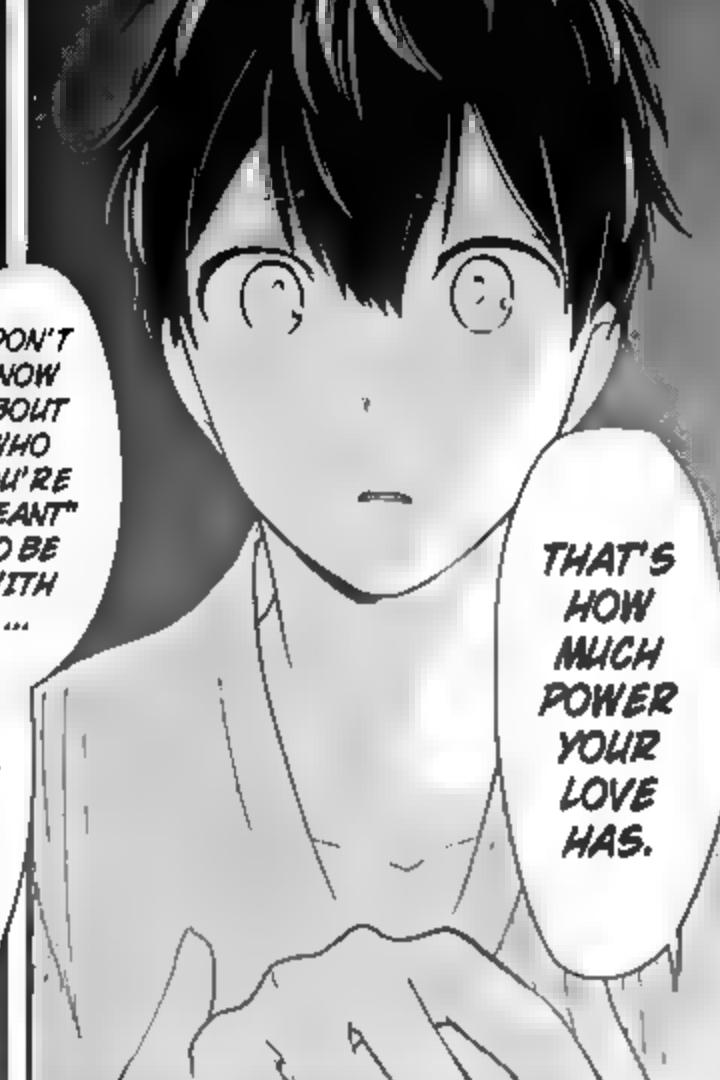
MY
WORLD
WAS
DIFFER-
ENT.

IT'S
LIKE
THERE
WAS A
SPELL
CAST ON
ME.

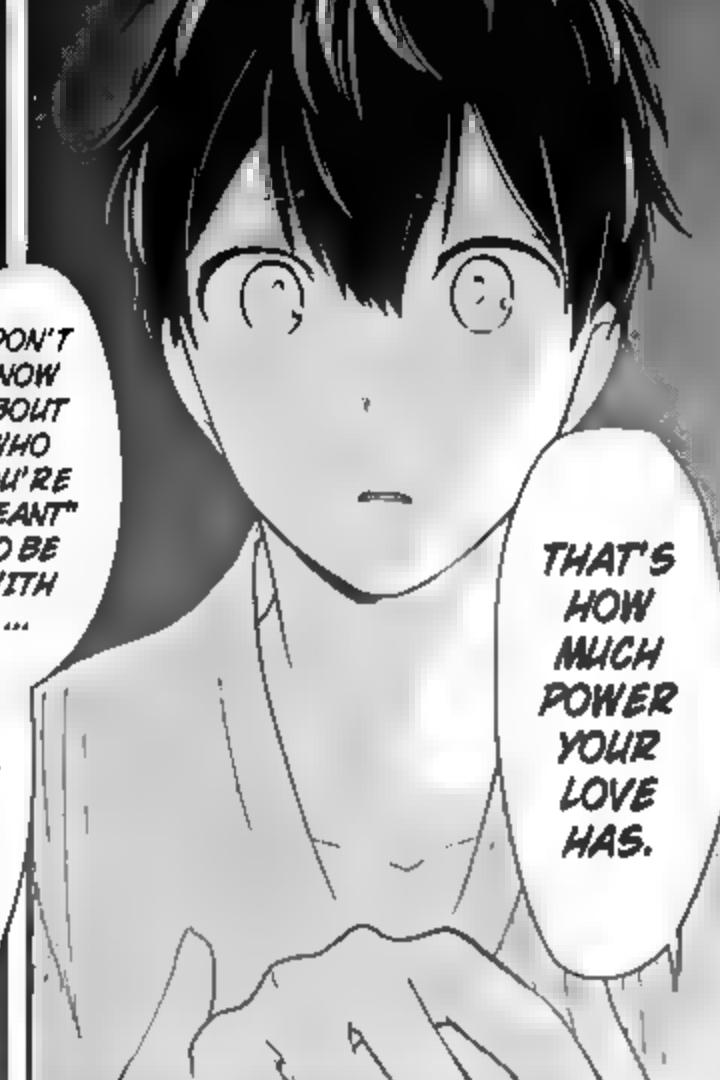
AND
WHILE THAT
WAS GOING
ON, I MADE
MY FIRST
FRIEND
ASIDE
FROM YOU
TWO
AND
SLOWLY,
MORE
PEOPLE IN
MY CLASS
STARTED
TALKING
TO ME



BUT
I THINK
YOUR LOVE
SHOULD BE
FULFILLED.



I DON'T
KNOW
ABOUT
WHO
YOU'RE
"MEANT"
TO BE
WITH
...



THAT'S
HOW
MUCH
POWER
YOUR
LOVE
HAS.



BUT
YOU TWO
HAVE
GIVEN
ME...

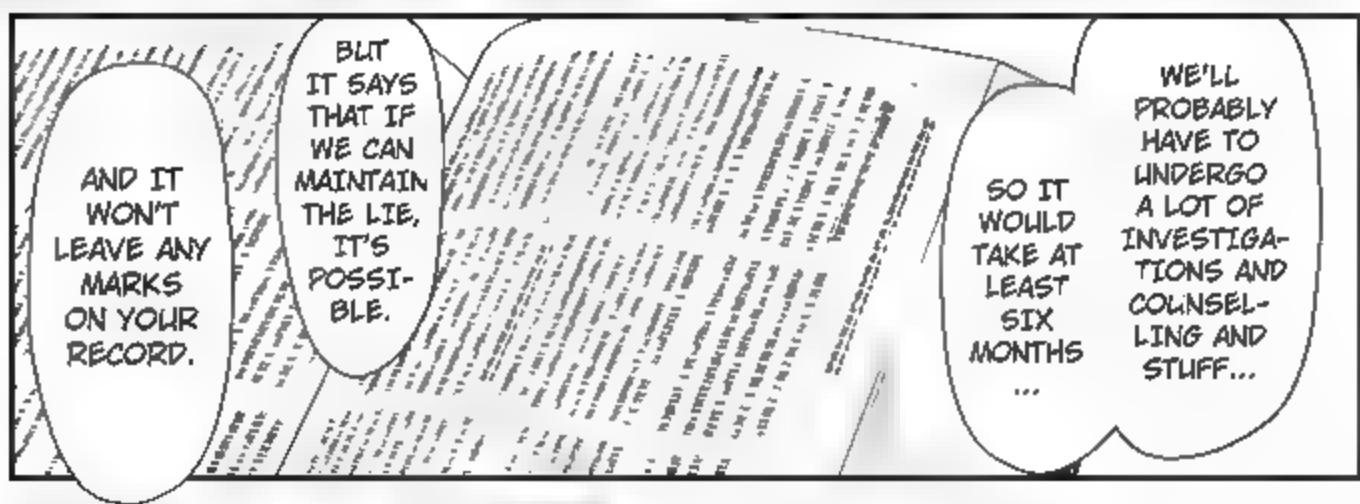


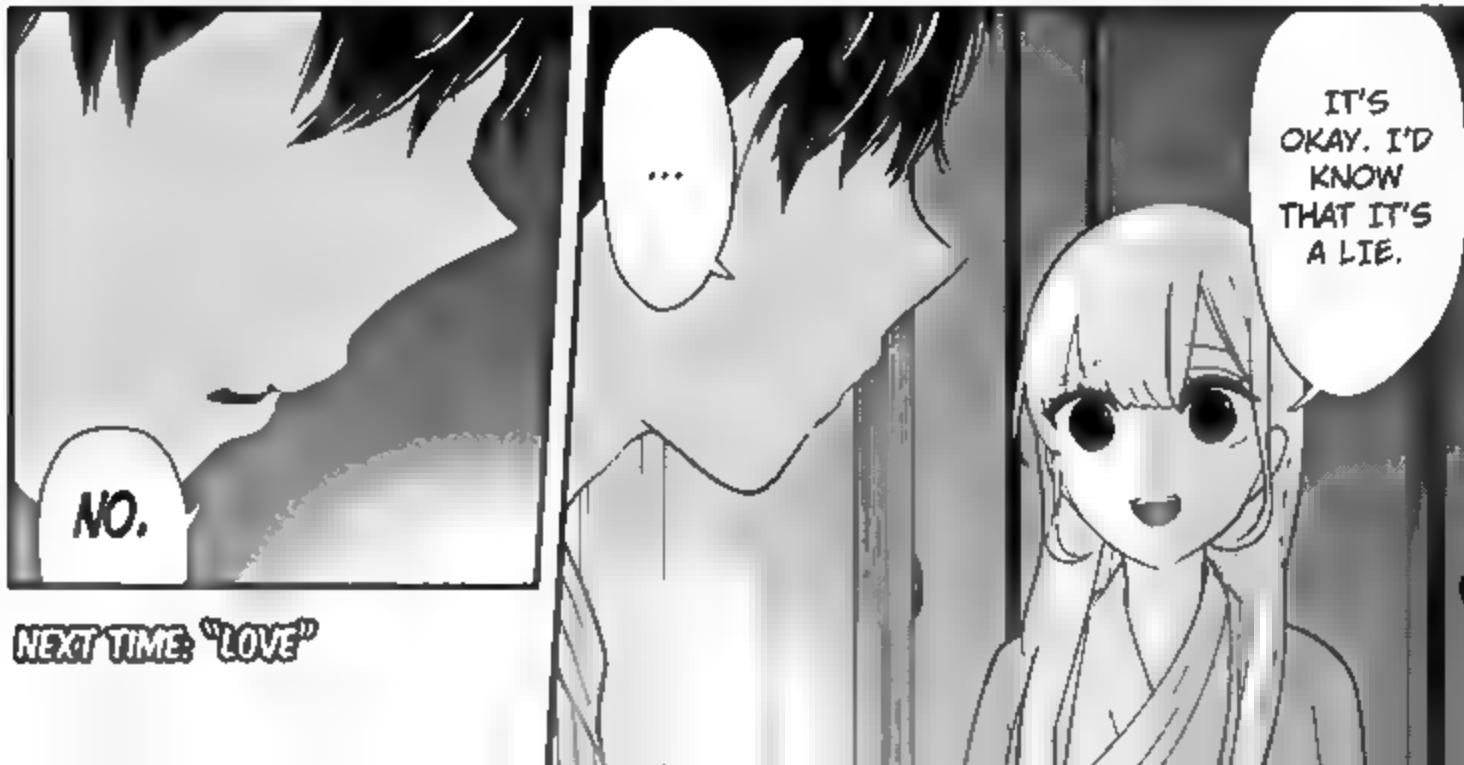
SO MUCH
MORE.



I THINK,
MAYBE, IT
MIGHT
BE...







NEXT TIME: "LOVE"

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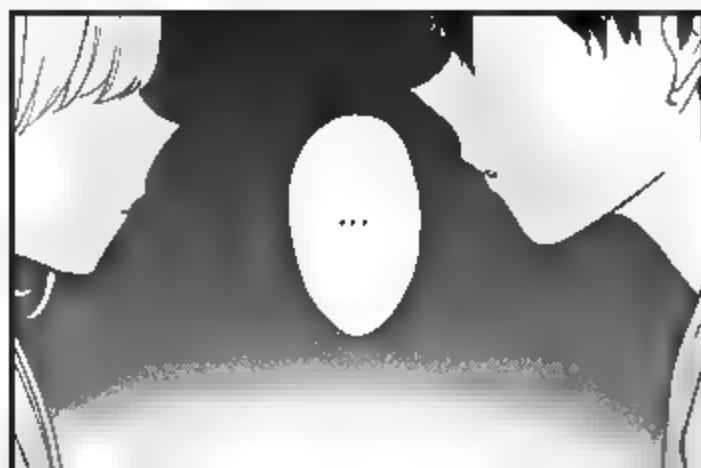
Love and Lies

BY MUSAWO TSUMUGI

*She makes the best decision
she can – to annul both
their government notices.
His struggle echoes quietly
in the silence.*







SO...
THEN
WHAT
WILL
HAPPEN

WITH
YOU
AND
ME?

...

ARE
YOU...
OKAY
WITH
THAT?

I'D
STILL BE
ON YOUR
SIDE.

THIS
WOULDN'T
CHANGE
EVEN IF
THE
NOTICE
WERE
GONE...

IN THE
BEGINNING,
WE STARTED
OUT SAYING
WE'D WORK
TOGETHER
TO FIND OUT
HOW SHE
FELT
ABOUT
YOU.

AND
NOW
WE'RE
HERE,
HUM?



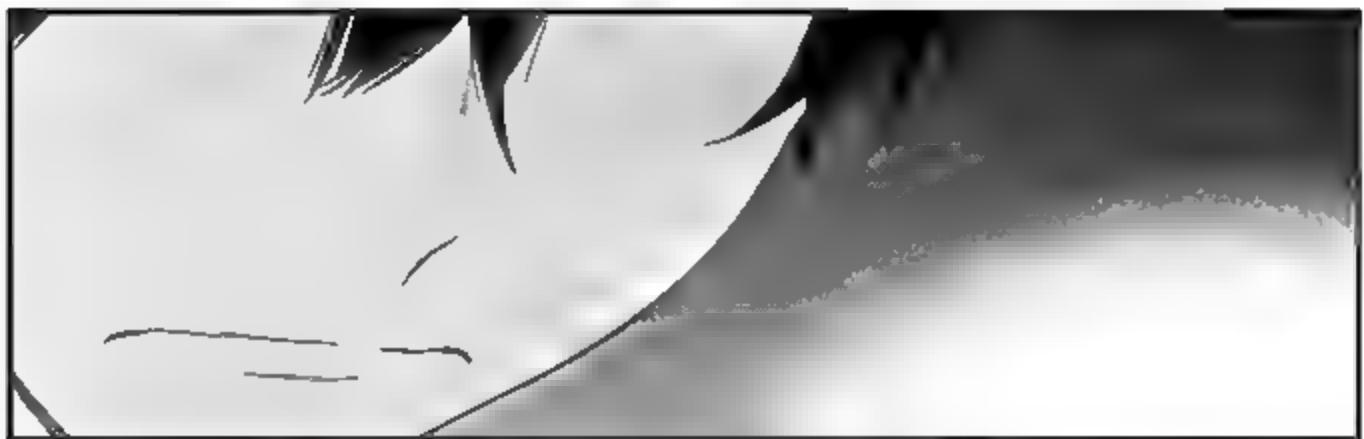


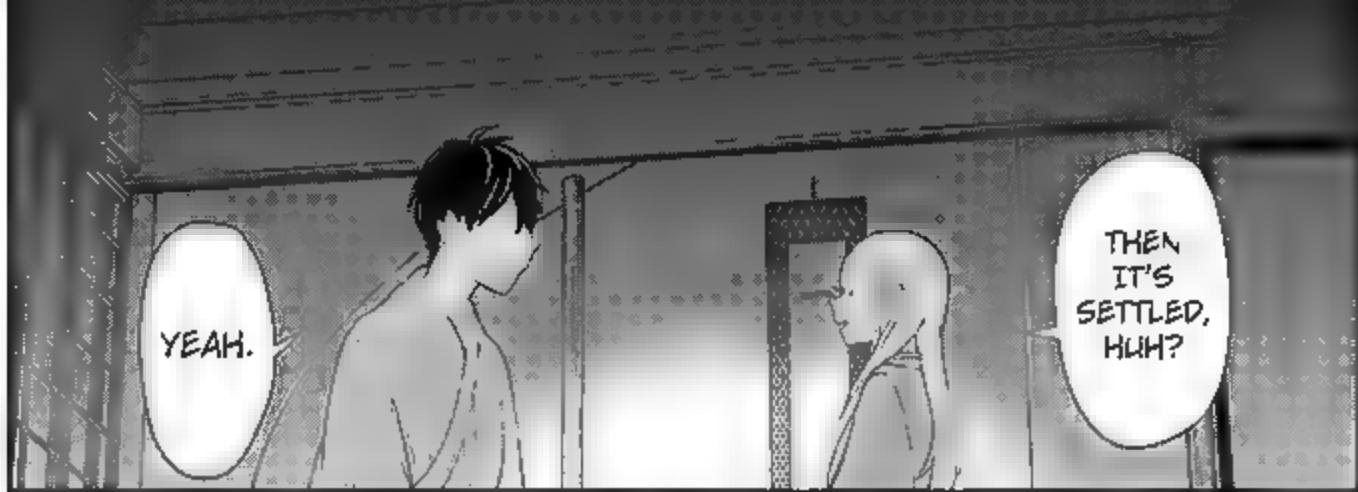
IT WAS THAT
SMILE THAT
MADE ME FEEL
THAT FALLING
IN LOVE WAS
SOMETHING
WONDERFUL.

I LOVE
HER
SPAR-
KLING
SMILE.

I
WANT
HER
TO...

SMILE
LIKE
THAT
AGAIN.







THANK
YOU.

THANK
YOU,
TOO.

I'M
GLAD...

THAT MY
ARRANGED
PARTNER
WAS YOU.

NEXT TIME: "FOR THE DAY THAT WILL SOMEDAY COME"

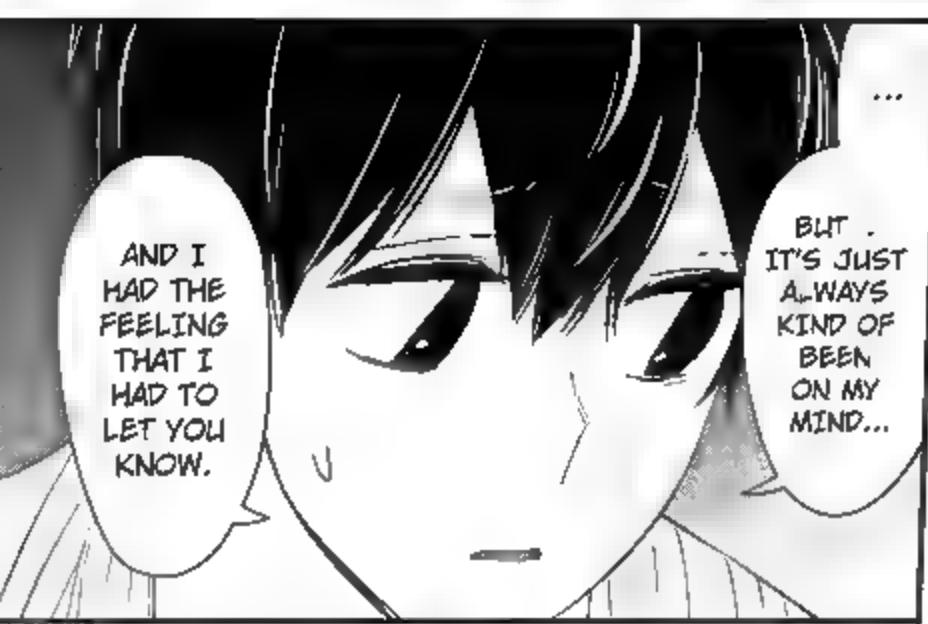


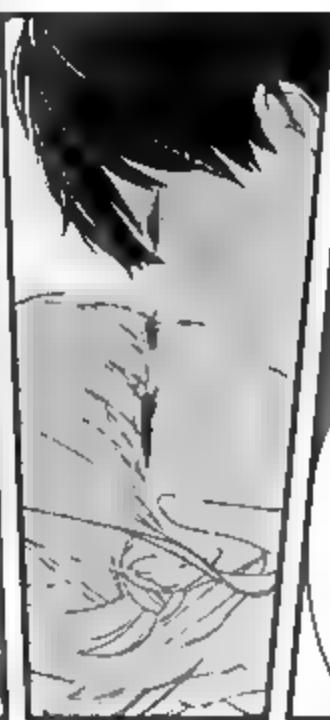
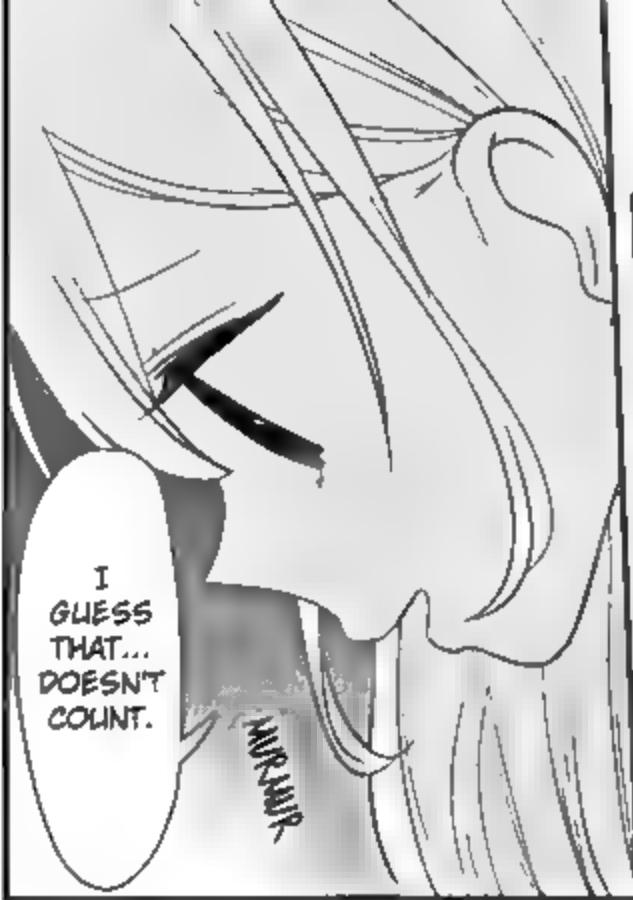
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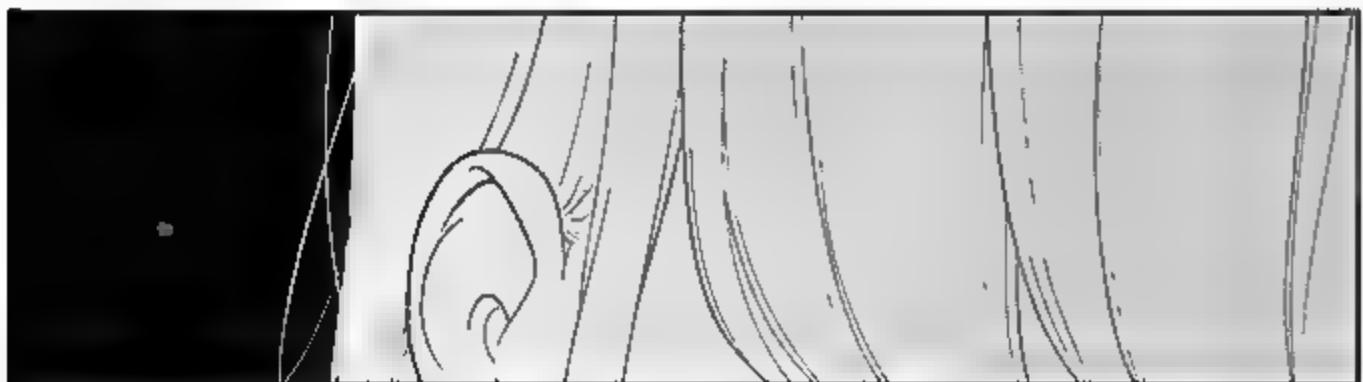
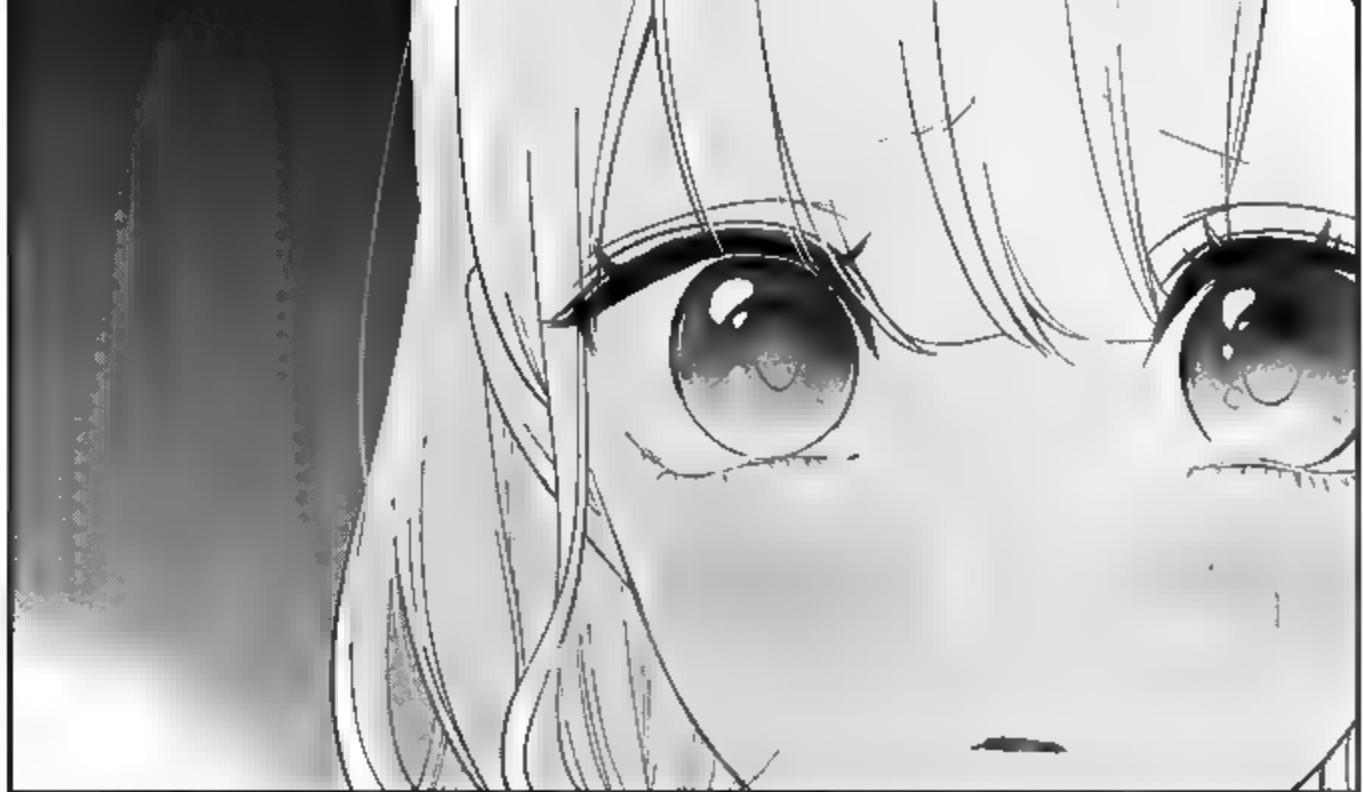
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Both of them feel they want to see Misaki smiling, and so they agree on the decision to annul their government notice.

The night is not yet over.













Love and Lies

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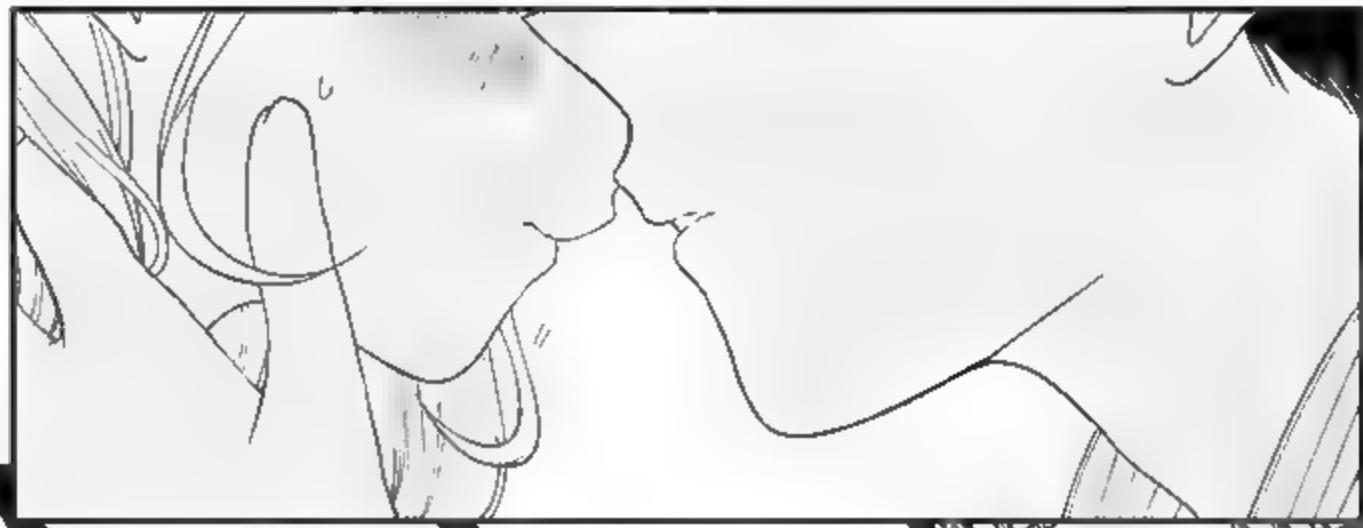
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Lilina says that she wants to practice kissing, for when she eventually meets someone new and falls in love with them.

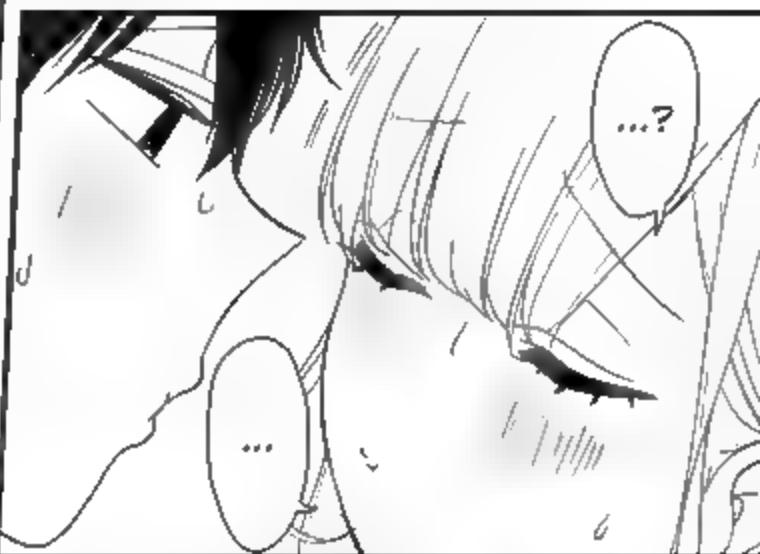
The pair melt together in the moonlit night.













ISN'T
LOVE...

IF
THIS...



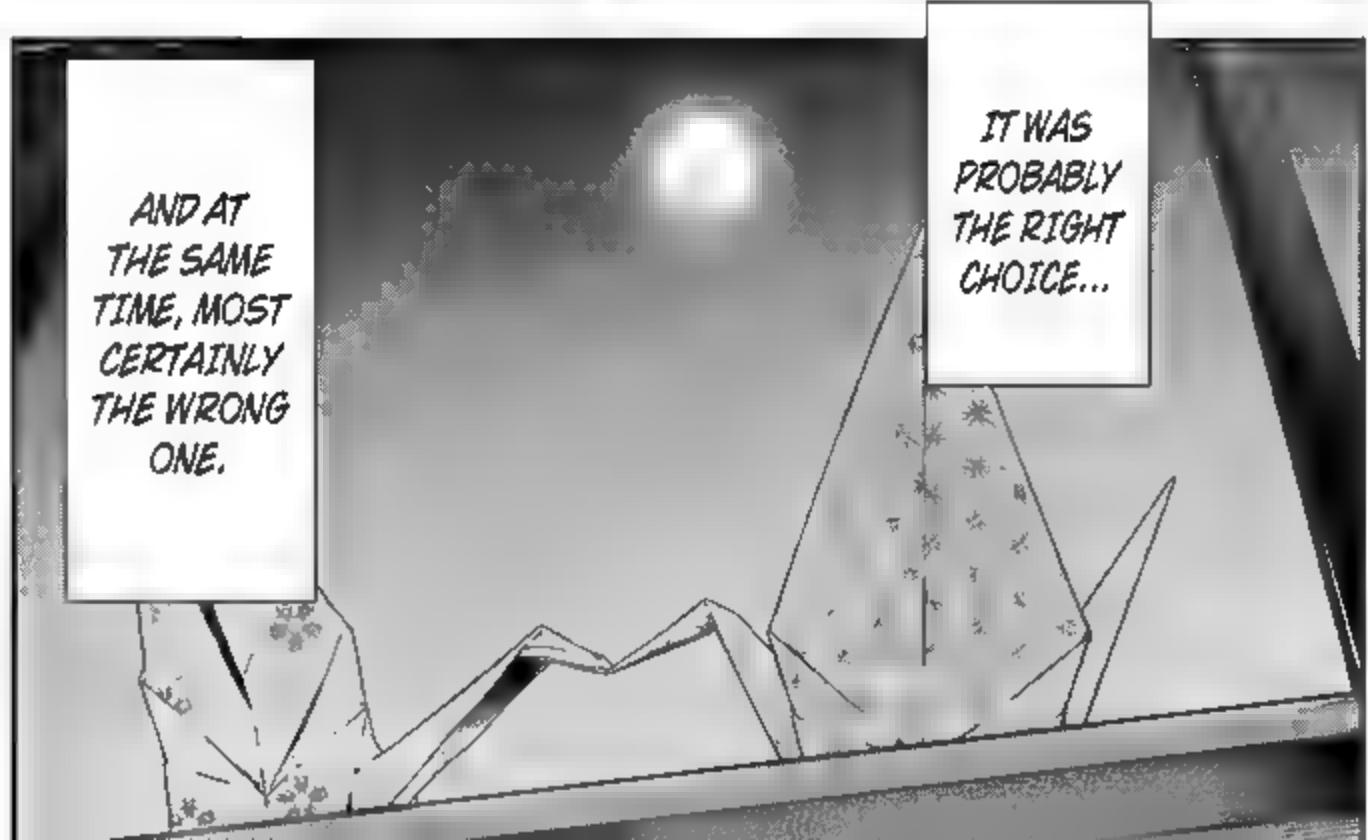
THEN WHAT IS IT
TO FALL IN LOVE WITH
SOMEONE?





I
THOUGHT
IF WE
KEPT
LYING, IT
WOULD
BECOME
TRUE.

WE
IGNORED
OUR LOVE
BECAUSE
THERE WAS
SOMETHING
BEYOND IT
THAT BOTH
OF US
WANTED TO
PROTECT.

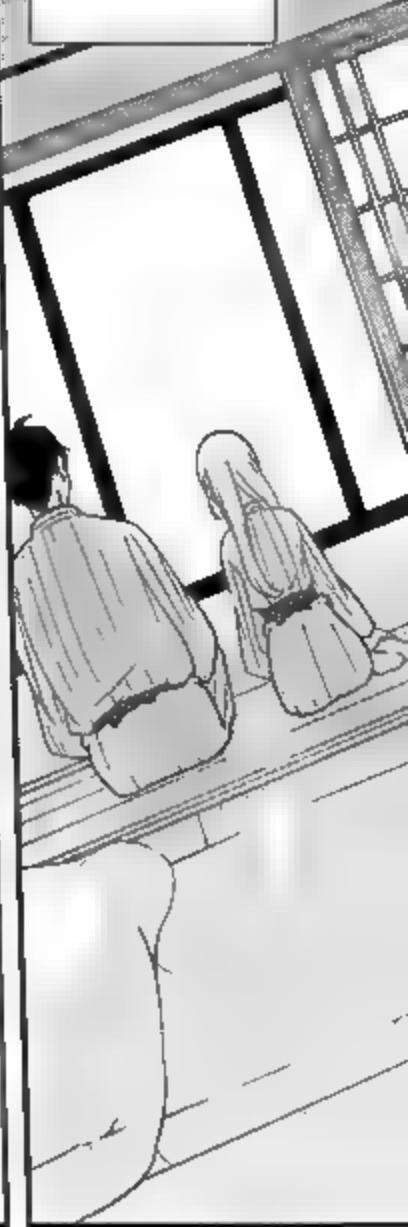


AND AT
THE SAME
TIME, MOST
CERTAINLY
THE WRONG
ONE.

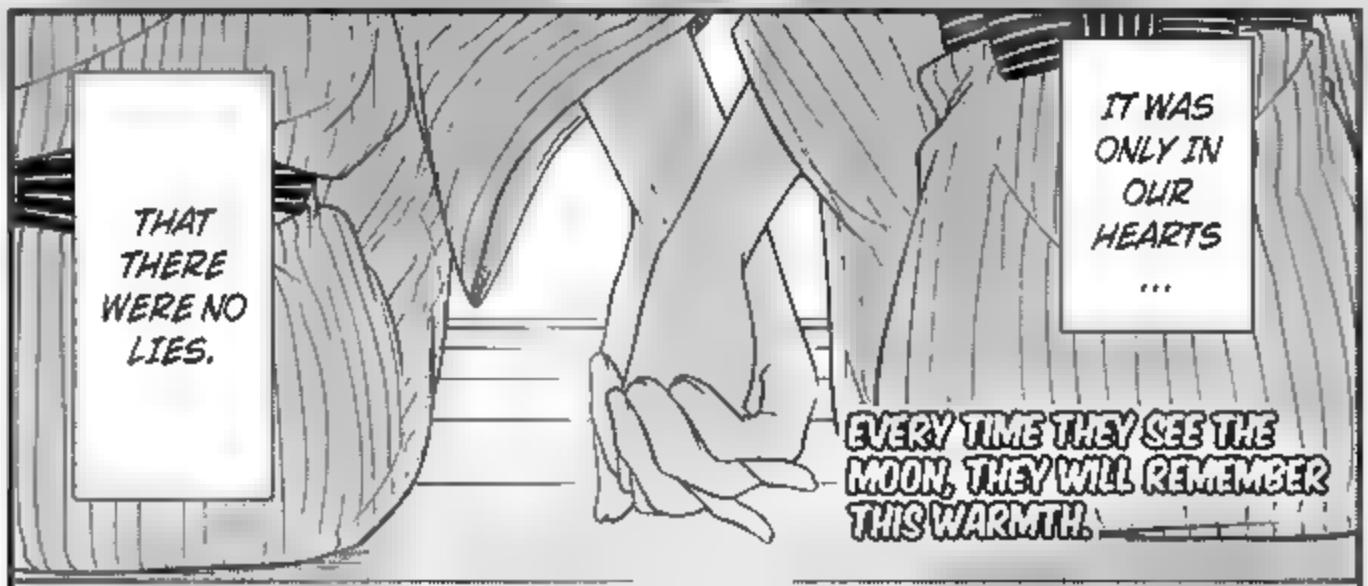
IT WAS
PROBABLY
THE RIGHT
CHOICE...

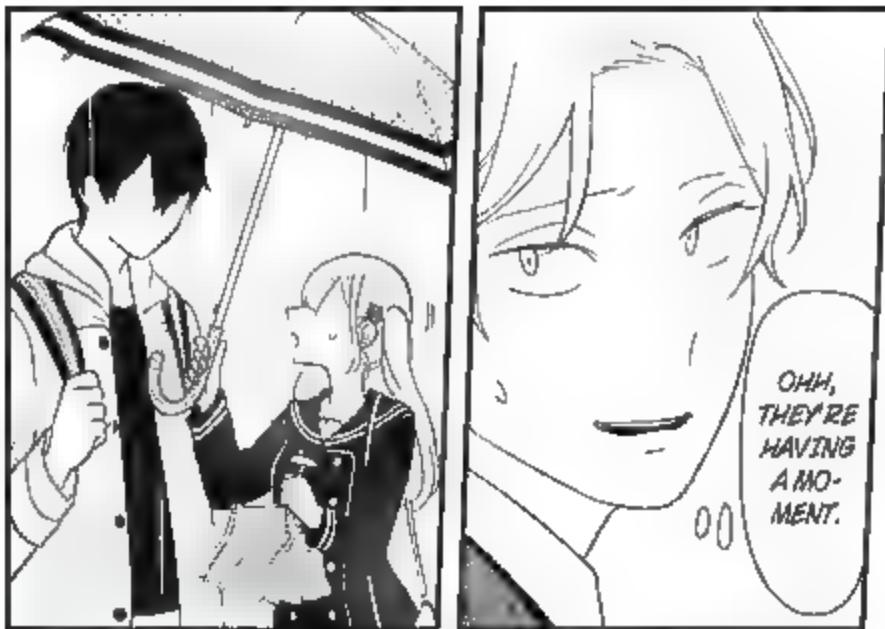


THERE
WAS TOO
MUCH WE
DIDN'T
KNOW.



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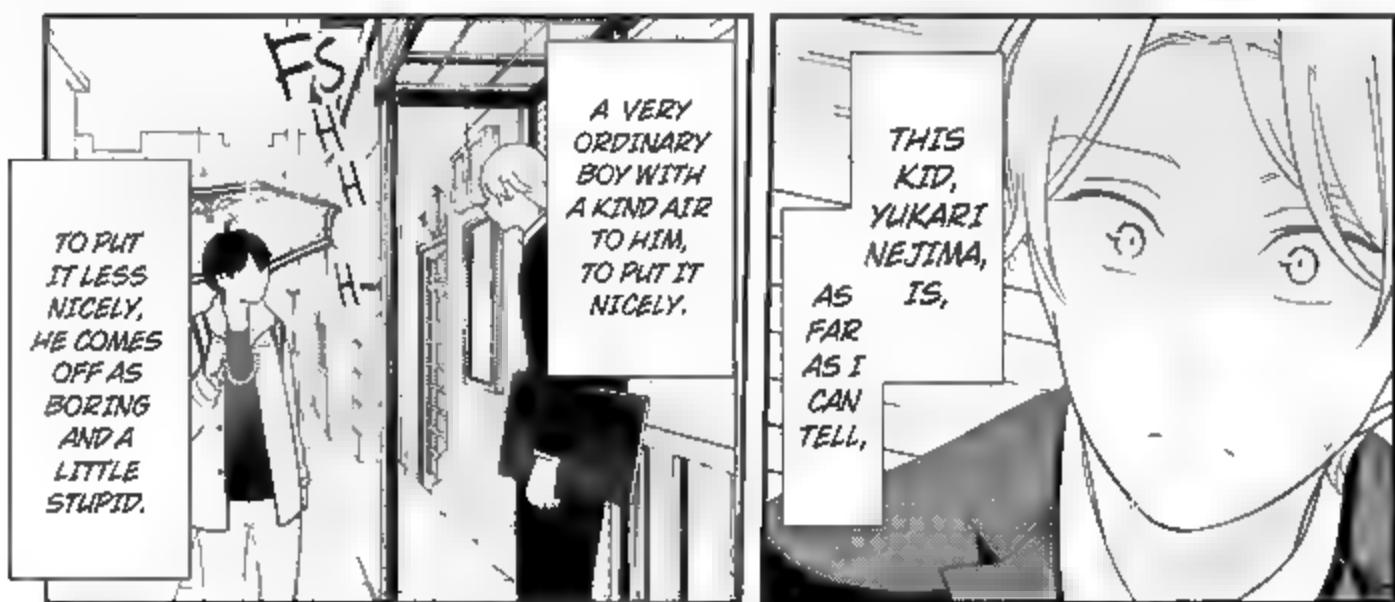
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The stage shifts from the hot springs in to a rainy street. Knowing nothing of their decision, Yajima happens upon the pair. What will the man who was once a boy say to the boy he sees acting so strangely?













WHAT-
EVER I WAS
ASKED TO DO,
I COULD DO
IT DECENTLY,
AND IT MADE
ME A RATHER
CHEEKY KID.

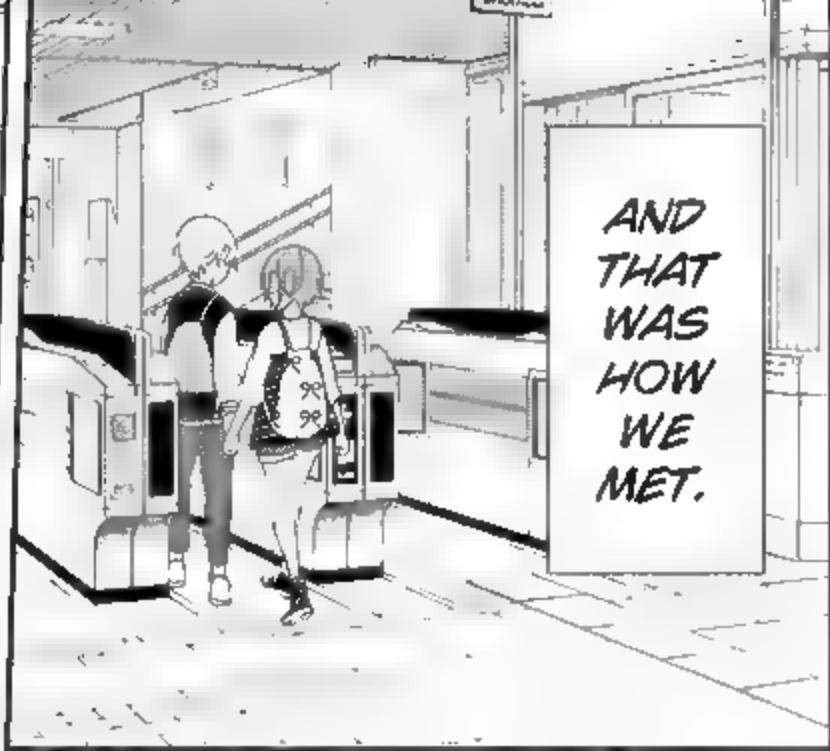
IN MY
GENERA-
TION, LESS
THAN HALF
THE CLASS
WERE KIDS
OF YUKARI
MARRIAG-
ES.
MY
GRADES
IN EVERY-
THING WERE
CLOSER TO
THE TOP
THAN THE
BOTTOM...



WELL,
IF I TALK
TO THE
ADULTS AT
THE TRAIN
STATION,
IT'LL WORK
OUT SOME-
HOW

SO
THIS ONE
TIME, DURING
A CLASS
OUTING, THE
TEACHER
PANICKED
BECAUSE IT
STARTED
RAINING
SUDDENLY









Love and Lies

BY MUSAWO TSUMUGI

In middle school, Yajima and Ichijou start dating.

It should have been a happy time for them... so why
did she occasionally get this hollow look?



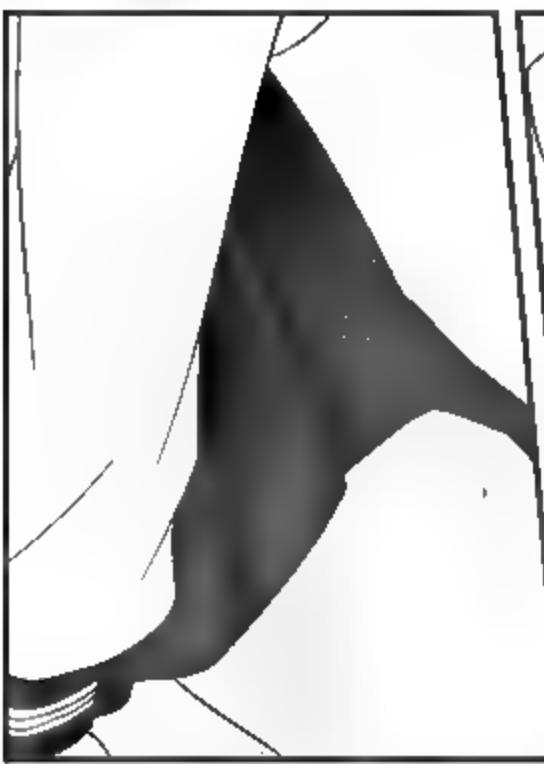


I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANYTHING THAT FAR AHEAD...

I WAS ABOUT TO SAY THAT...

THEN I STOPPED.







EYES LOCATED ON HIM WHEN HE OPENED THAT SWEET GATE. SHE WAS THERE

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She wants to marry her government-arranged partner, but still, she offers herself to a boy she met not through the graces of science.

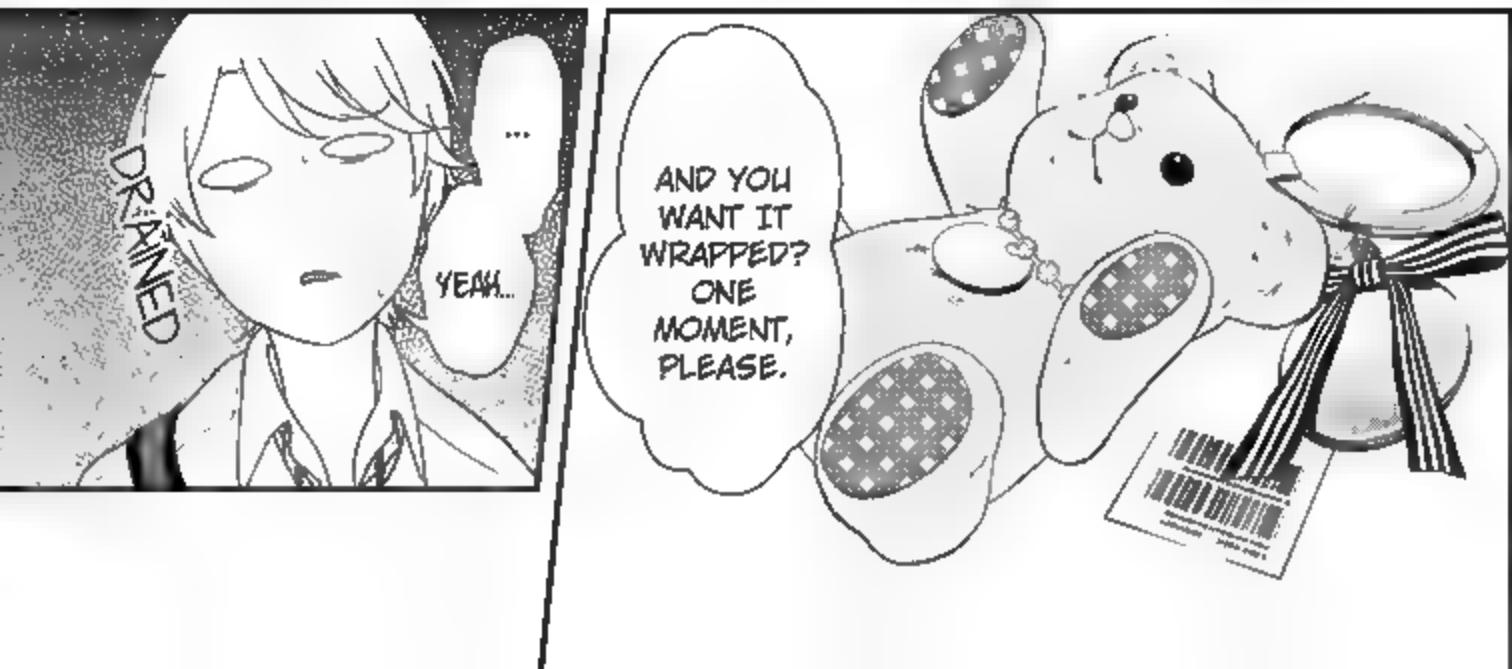
Her words and actions are in contradiction.
Which path will their love take?



HER
WET SKIN
SMELLED
SWEET
THIS
TIME,
TOO...

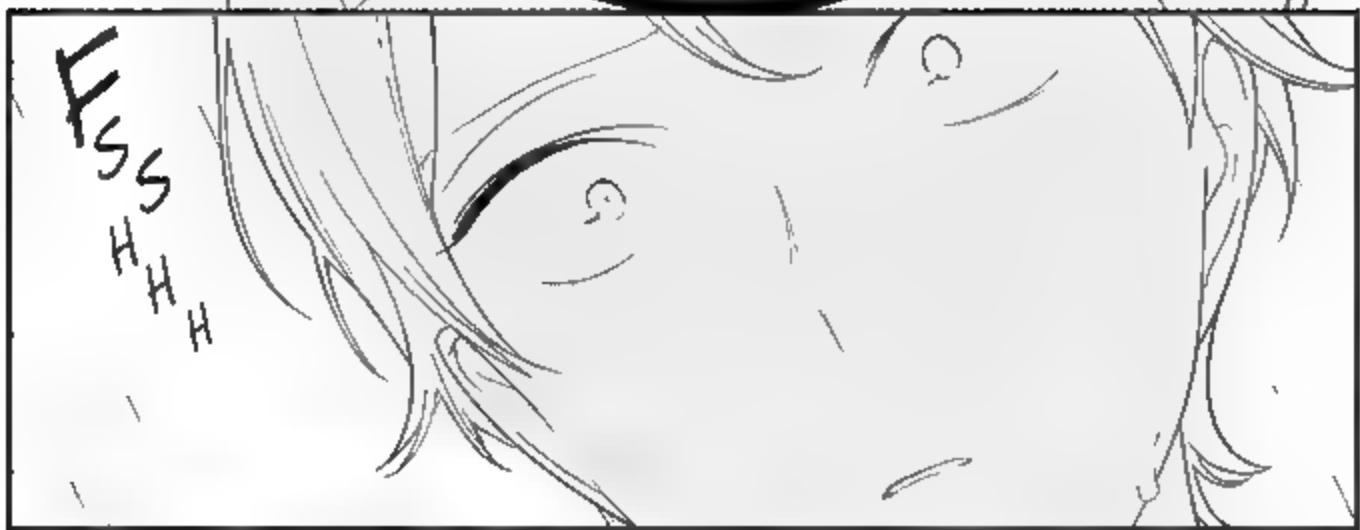




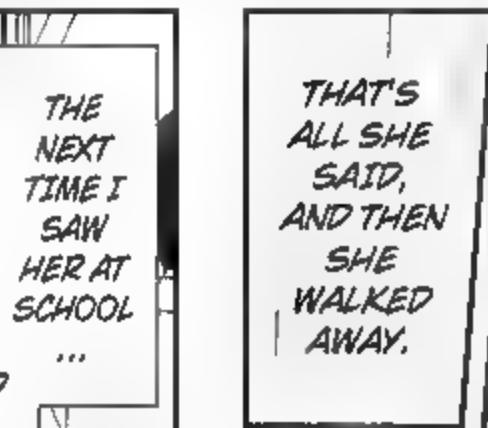




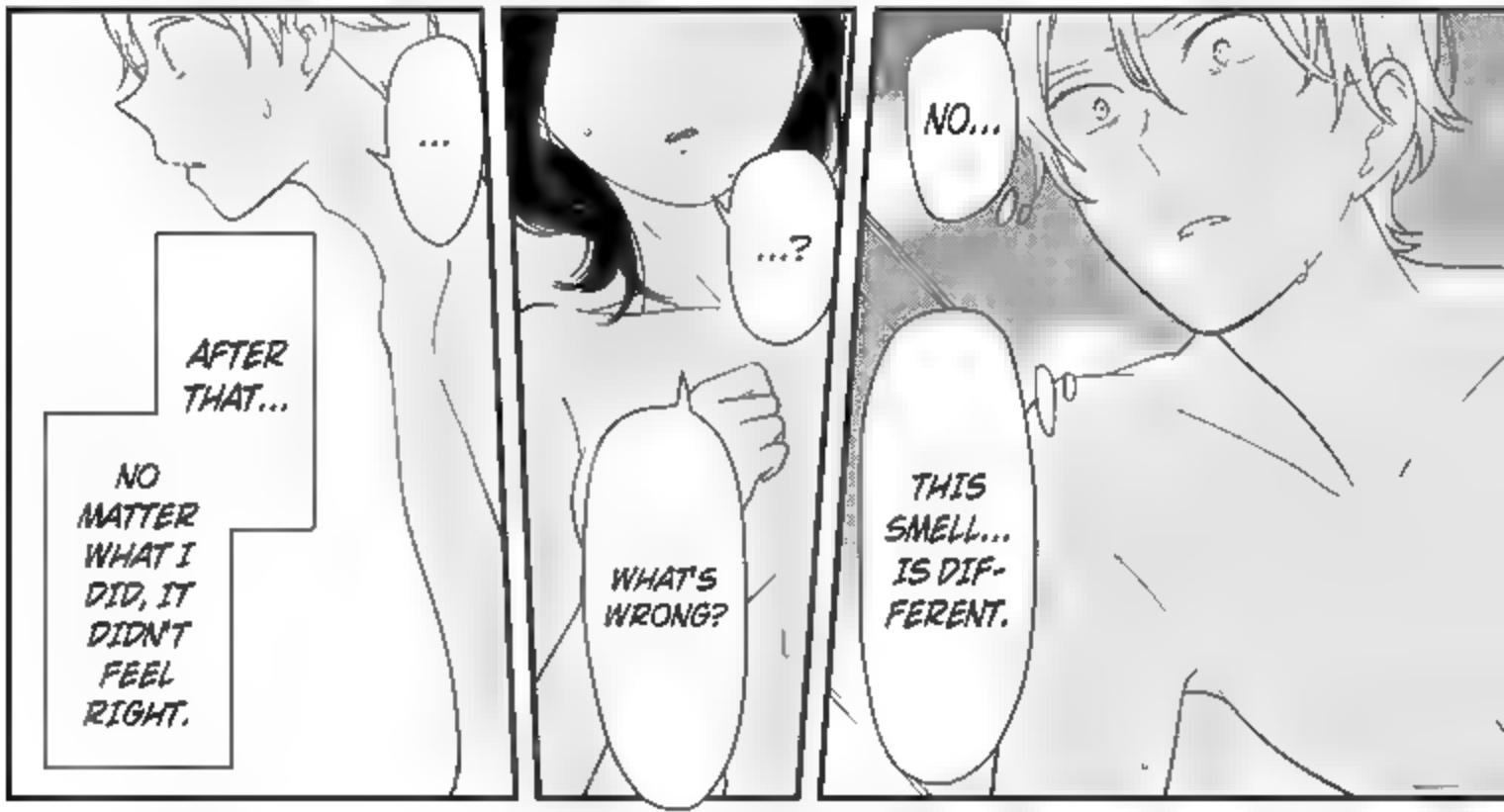












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Just one decision brought a solid relationship to an end.
But even after it's ended, fate makes one more cruel move.





SPARKLED
A BRAND-
NEW
WEDDING
RING.

BUT
ON HER
FINGER
...



THAT'S...
SORT
OF A
MISER-
ABLE
STORY.



AND
NOW
IT'S
ENDED
UP
LIKE
THIS.



IN THE
END, I'M
STILL
HUNG UP
ON HOW
I DIDN'T
CHOOSE
HER...



AND WELL,
THAT'S
BASICALLY
IT.



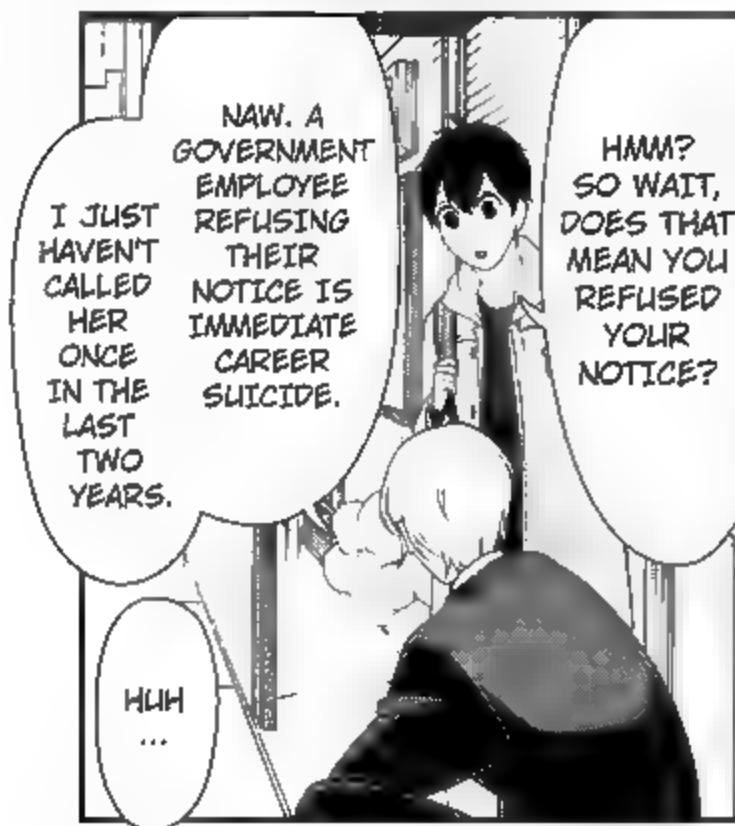
OH...
YEAH.



YOU
TOLD ME
ABOUT
THIS
BEFORE,
DIDN'T
YOU?
THAT
OTHER
STORY
WAS
ABOUT
YOU TOO,
WASN'T
IT?

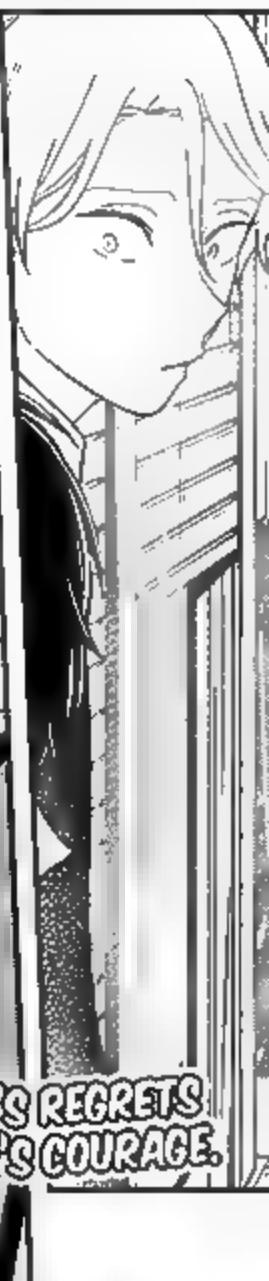


BY
THE
WAY
...









SOMETIMES, ONE MAN'S REGRETS
MAY INSPIRE ANOTHER'S COURAGE.

NEXT TIME: "HIDING BEHIND AN UMBRELLA"



Love and Lies

BY MUSAWO TSUMUGI

Hearing Yajima talk about his past,
Neji resolves himself, in his own way.

Walk forth, child, before the rain stops.







IN A
REMOTE
CORNER
OF MY
HEART.

THAT'S
ALWAYS
BEEN
BOTHER-
ING ME.

I FEEL LIKE
I'VE BEEN
FORGIVEN
FOR THAT
LITTLE
SLIVER OF A
PIECE...

I
MEANT
TO EN-
COURAGE
HIM...
BUT HE
ENDED UP
ENCOUR-
AGING ME.

YOU
LOOK
BETTER
LIKE THAT.
IT'S LIKE
YOUR OLD
CUT.

OH.
NO...

YOU
MEAN
THAT
HAIR-
CUT?

HOW
LAME!

AGH!

REAK

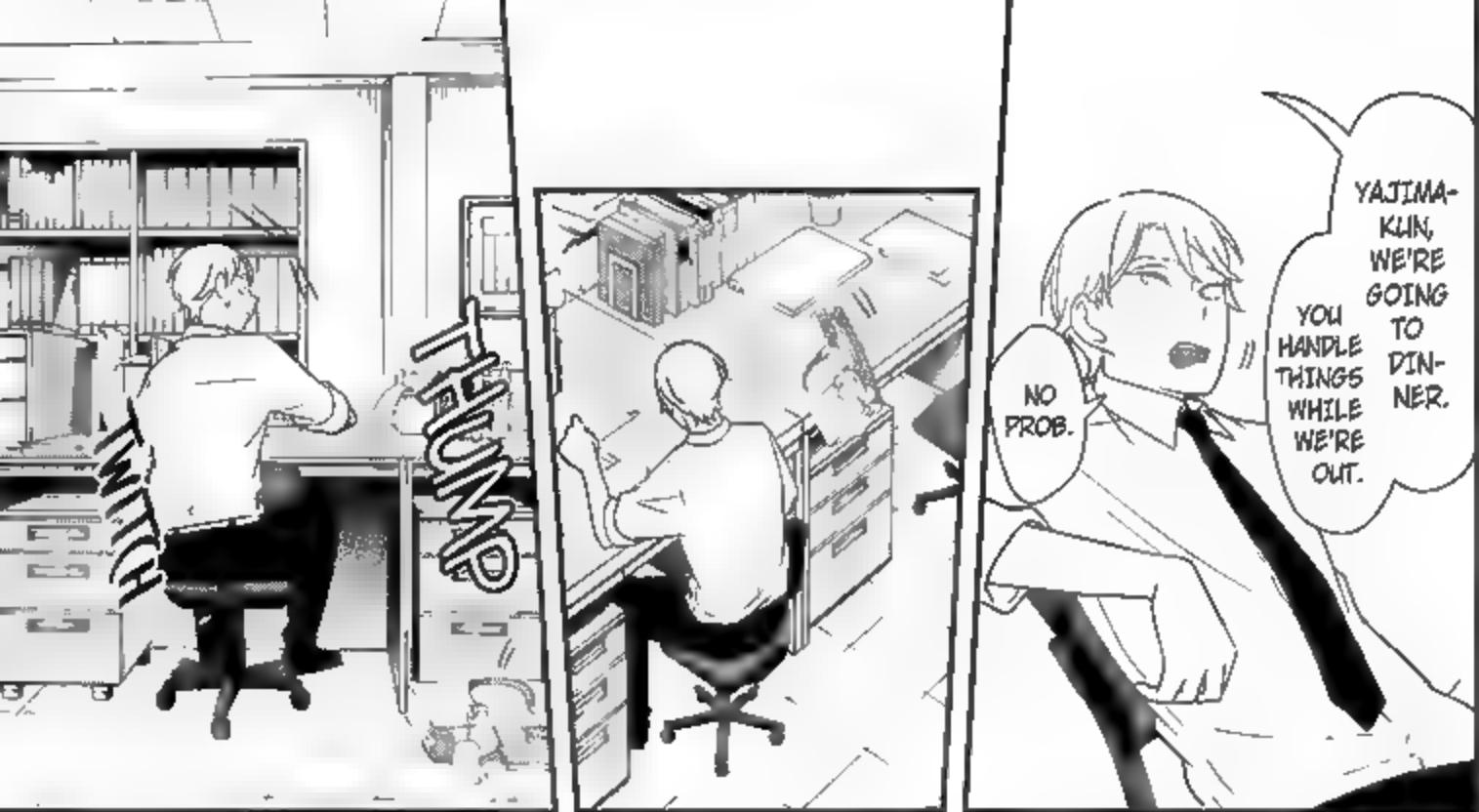
AHH!
HOLD
ON A
MINUTE,
PLEASE!

ICHIJOU-
CHAAN!
HURRY UP,
LET'S GO!

SHE RUNS HER
DAMN MOUTH, LIKE
SHE ALWAYS HAS...

TOTALLY OBLIVIOUS
TO THE FEELINGS OF
THOSE AROUND HER.

OH.
REALLY
?

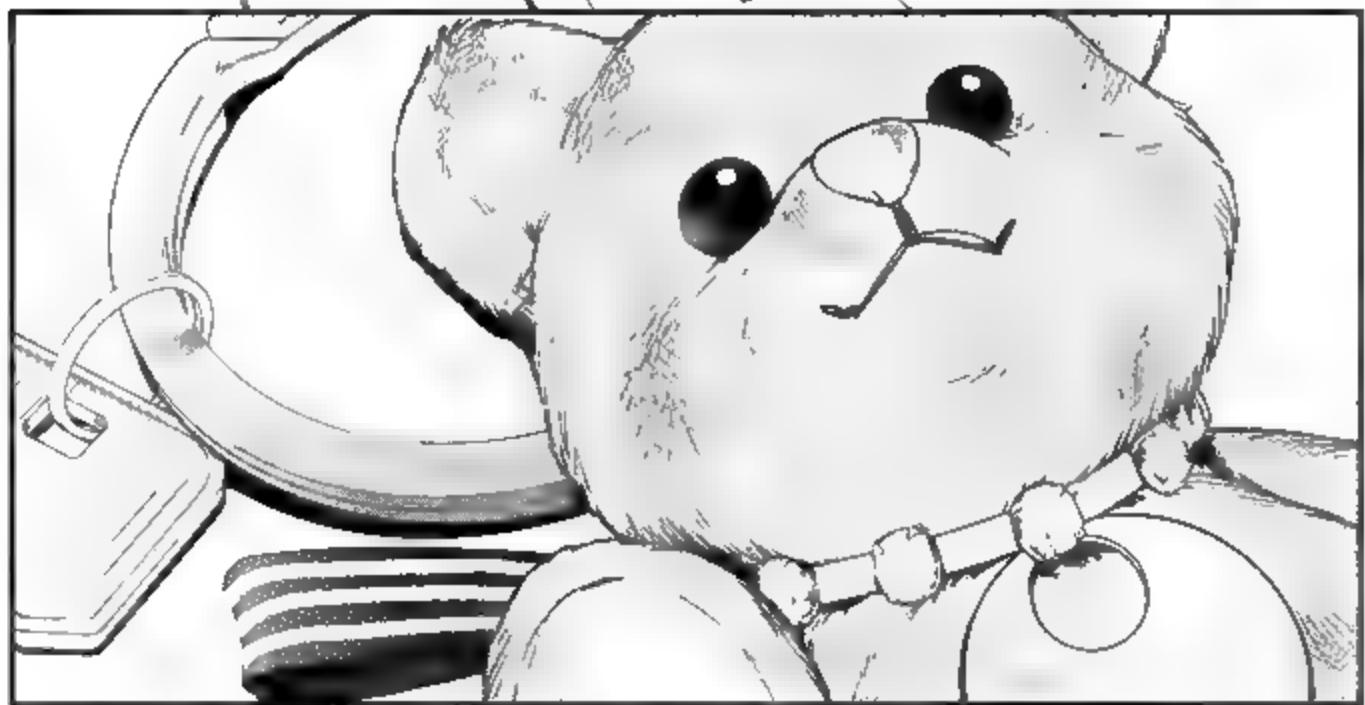
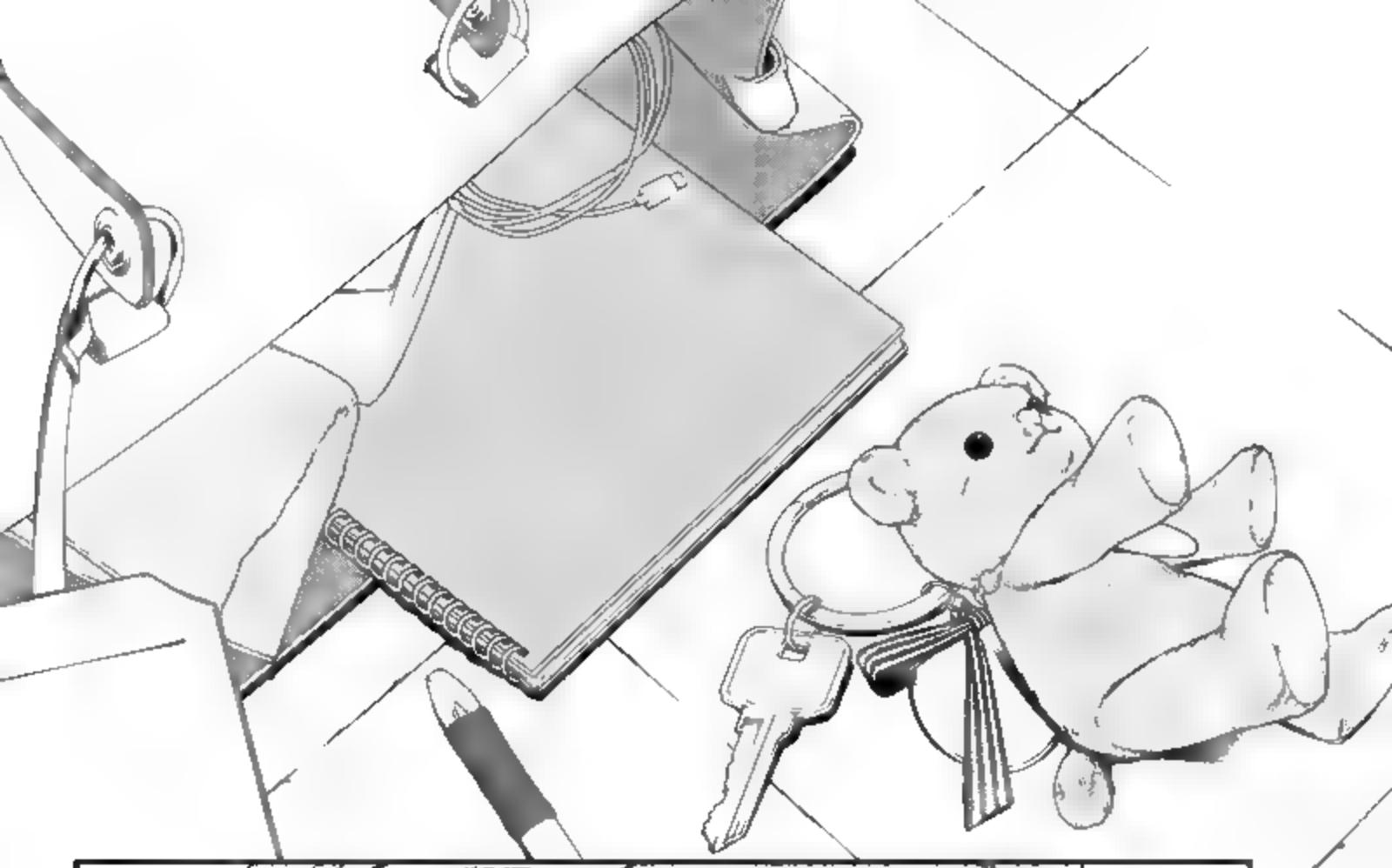


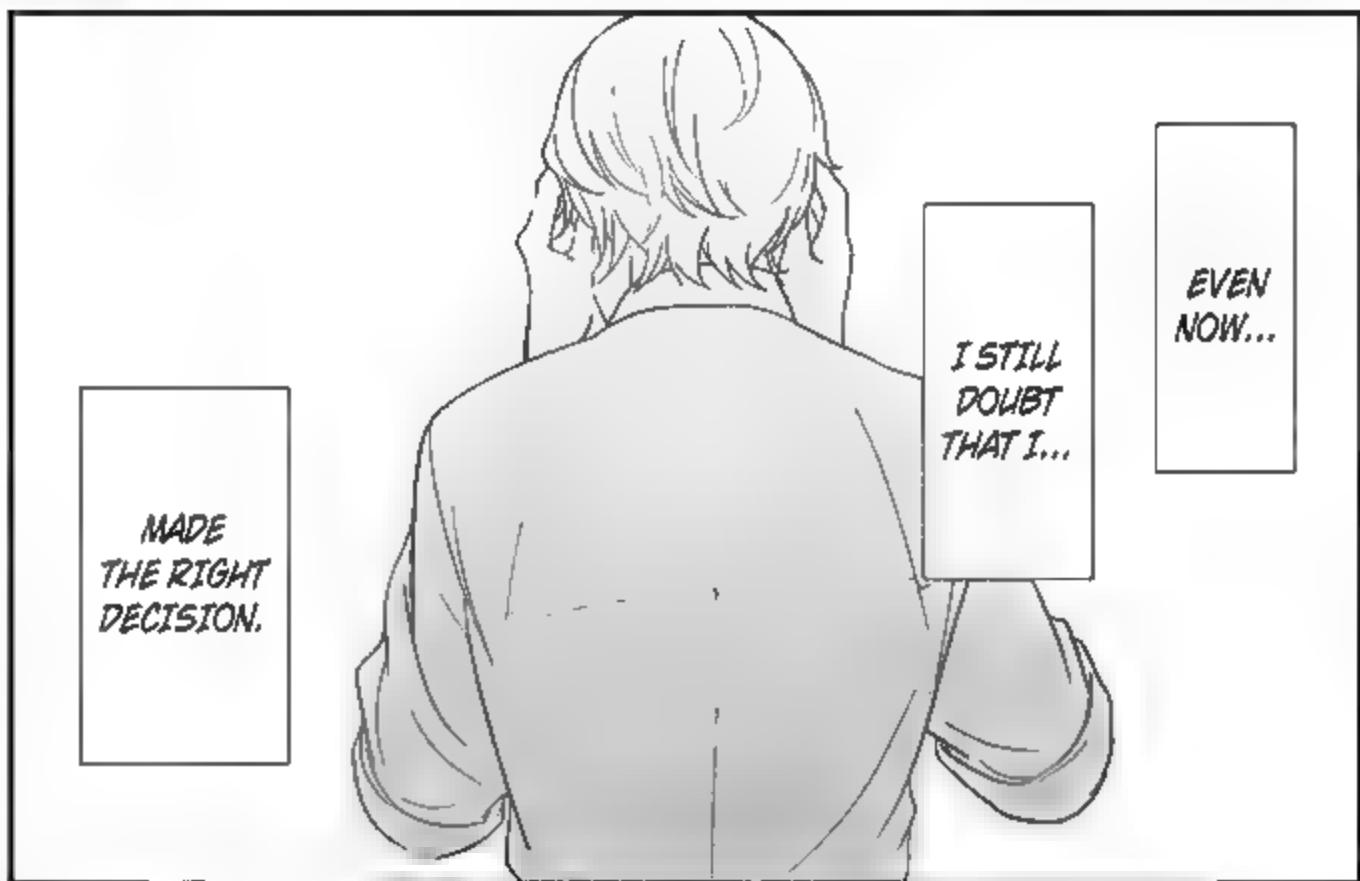
YAJIMA-KUN,
WE'RE GOING
TO DIN-
NER.



I THOUGHT FOR SURE SHE'D THROWN IT OUT, THAT DAY.







I'M SO LAME.

HIS FEELINGS SWIRL AROUND, AND HE CAN'T ESCAPE THEM.

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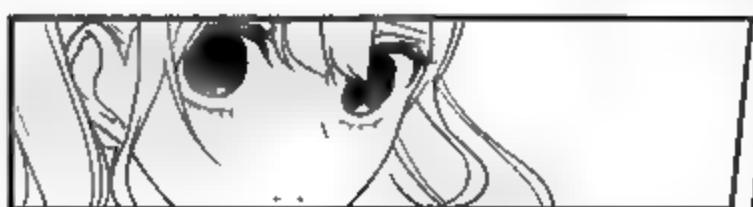
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The scene changes to school. Nejima has decided to stop worrying and make up his mind. ...Or rather, that was the plan, but then he's overwhelmed by something he couldn't have expected.











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She says it with determination.

Lilina expresses her feelings honestly to Misaki, though it doesn't seem like Misaki will accept them.

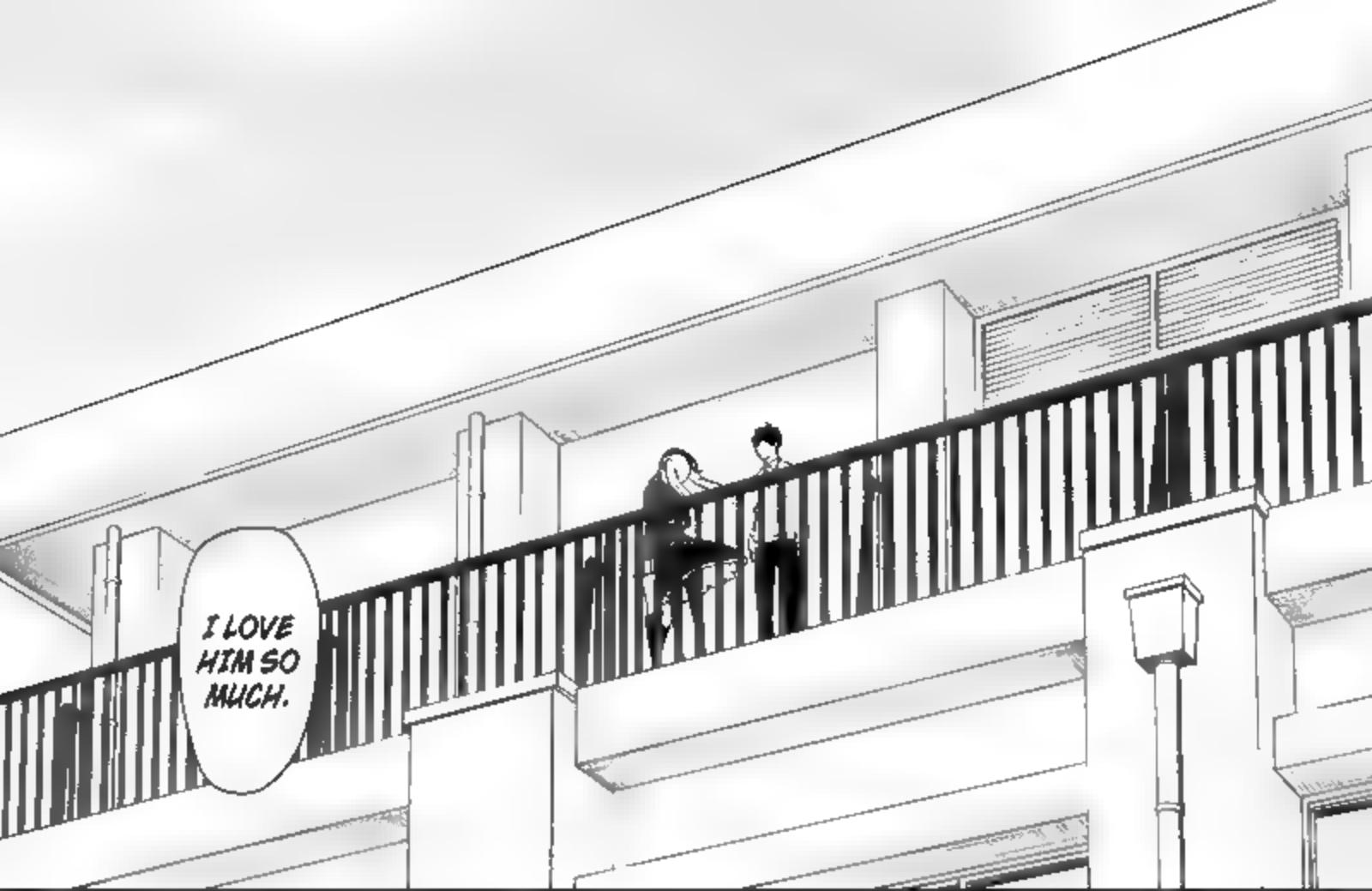




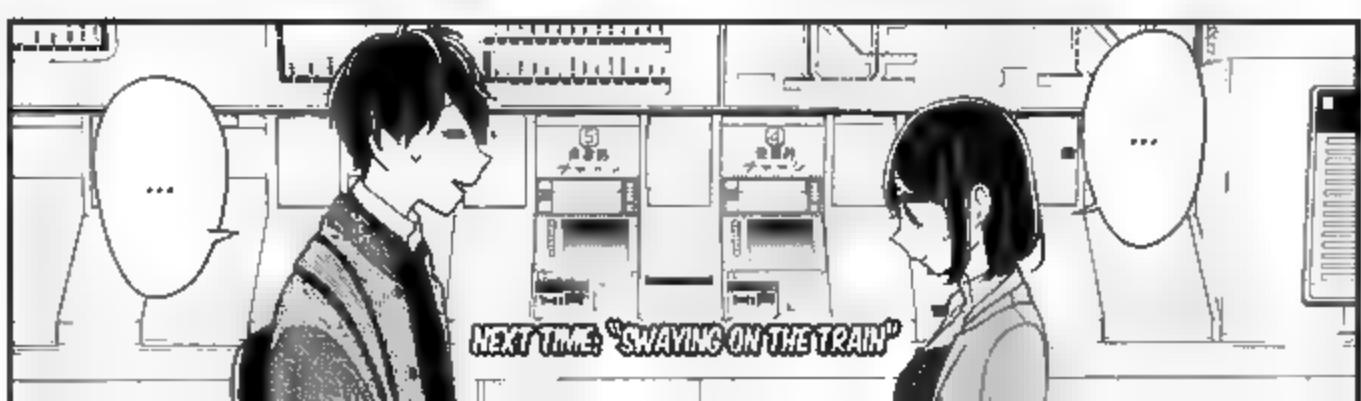






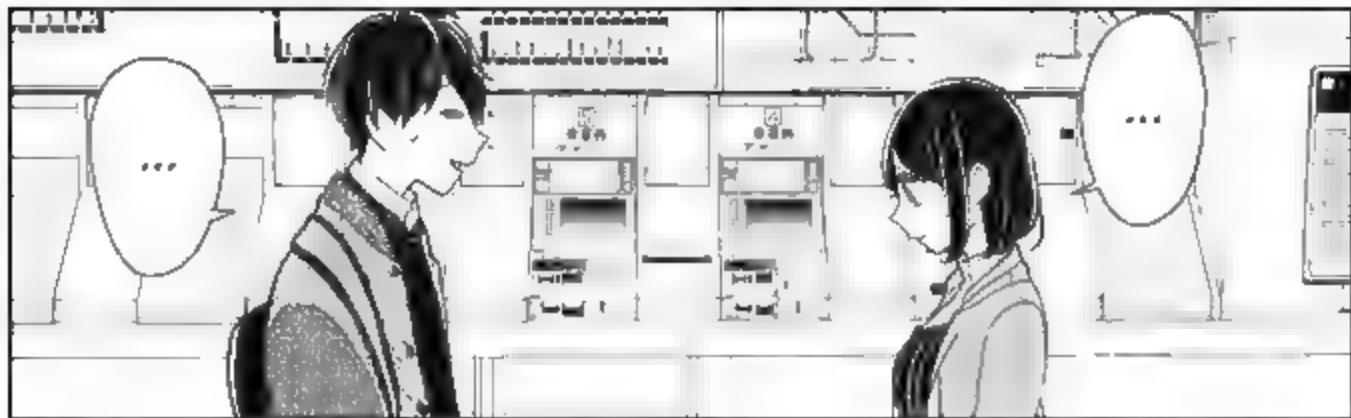


THEIR FIRST DATE TOGETHER IS THEIR SILENT MOURNING, CUT FROM AWKWARDNESS



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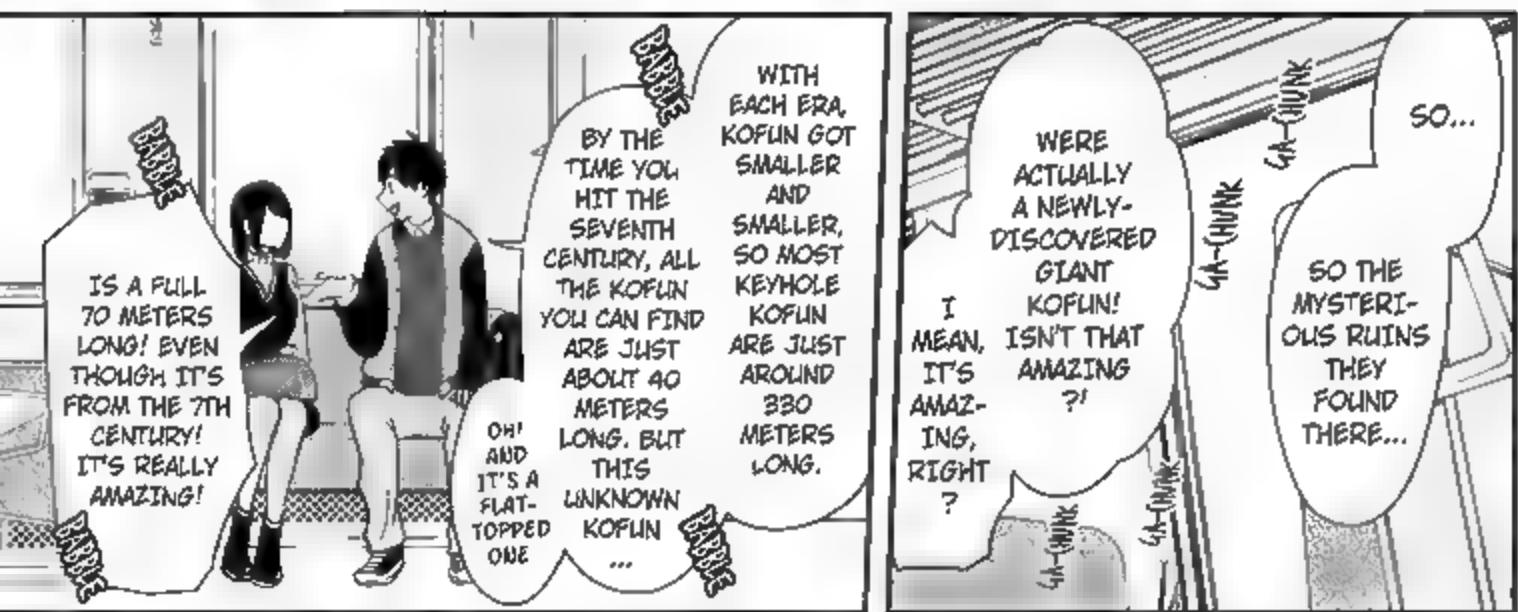
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Lilina pushes Nehi and Takasaki-san
into going out alone together.

Where is this awkward first date headed?













IF
CHOOSING
ME...

MAKES
YOU UN-
HAPPY...



WILL
YOU
STILL
PICK
ME ANY-
WAY?

PREVIOUS CHAPTER, NEXT CHAPTER

